

me Minister Binyamin Netanyahu bows his head last night after laying a wreath by the panel of the Armored Corps Memorial , _ich bears his brother Yoni's name. Yoni Netanyaho, who was killed in the Entebbe raid in 1976, is one of the thousands of soldiers hose names are engraved on the memorial at Latrun.

to the Egyptian news magazine Al-Mussawar on Wednesday with the from Netanyahu to Arafat this

Closure of territories to be eased from Sunday

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Head of the General Security Service Ami Avalon and others. Starting Sunday, Israel will raise the number of Palestinian workers from the territories allowed into Israel to 35,000, more than double the 14,000 currently being let in. Mordechai also decided to lift all of the internal closures in the West Bank except in Nablus.

The closures had been eased last week around most Palesunian-

has barred most of the two million Palestinians from Israel remains in

place. Mordechai also ordered the Karni and Sufa Crossings to resume full operation in order to case the movement of goods in and out of the Gaza Strip. The Defense Ministry stressed that all steps will be depend on security

considerations. "I hope that the lifting of closures and other significant easing of the closure approved today will coo-

JORDAN'S Kiog Hussein telephoned President Ezer Weizman in Caesarea yesterday evening to invite him to visit Jordan.

Weizman responded that he would be happy to come to Amman after coordinating the visit with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu. Beit Hanassi spokeswoman Batya Keinan confirmed the cooversatioo after the news was

reported by Channel 1. Only progress in the peace process will lead to a warming of relations with Jordan, Hussein reportedly told Weizman. He also expressed satisfaction at the Tuesday meeting between Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and at the president's upcoming visit to Cairo.

Weizman then telephoned Netanyahu and informed him of the call, Beit Hanassi said.

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spokesman Shai Bazak.

Keinan had spent the entire day denying that there had been any contacts with the Jordanians. "We could not report this until the prime minister was informed," she explained later. Meanwhile, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti said "there is a crisis" in relations with Israel.

"The situation in the Palestinian territories has grown to a level where all possibilities are now being considered," Kabariti said, "God forbid, but if these possibilities develop into further violence, then everybody will suffer and will pay the price."

He specifically cited the failure of Netanyabu's government to implement

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took office four months ago.

"We are very much appealing to the Israeli government and to [Netanyahu] himself to seize control of the moment ... and show the statesmanship needed right oow to save the process," Kabariti said. "This agreement has to be implemented. If it is not, then it will definitely have a very detrimental effect on all the relations that Israel successfully managed to build and has with its neighbors." Kabariti said the invitation to Weizman was

the government,

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pot meant to undermine Netanyahu's leadership.

"We have no intention whatsoever to meddle in the internal affairs of Israel," he said. "Our peace with Israel is a peace with the people of Israel, as much as it is a peace with the gov-

emment of Israel." Another Jordanian cabinet minister also said

Hussein calls Weizman, invites him to visit

US officials passed a message

who met in his Tel Aviv office yes-

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tribute to a positive atmosphere Authority and that the PA will not said in a ministry statement.

Netanyahu approved the trip, according to accords reached with the Palestinians before he

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Solomon's Stables open to Moslem worshipers today

MOSLEM worshipers will be per-mitted to pray in the newly renovated Solomon's Stables next to Al-Aksa Mosque today, after the Jerusalem Municipality appeared to give its final approval yesterday.

Police also downplayed the controversy that occurred this week when the Wakf announced its plans to open the four dunams of vaulted, underground chambers, on which the city had threatened to stop work during the summer. The restoration work on the site, known to Moslems as the Marawani prayer area, received the Jerusalem Municipality's approval yesterday during a visit by several senior city officials, apparently making the city's flip-flop on the matter final, municipal sources said.

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After the visit, a senior city official said, "The order we took out in August to stop work is no longer relevant. The Wakf has complied with all of our demands and only carried out work for which no special permit was needed. I don't see any reason, at least from our point of view, that Solomon's Stables can't be opened."

The municipality will present a statement declaring the work stop-page order irrelevant to the High Court next week, when it hears the Temple Mount Faithful's petition against opening the site, sources said

Municipal legal adviser Assa Eliav and chief building inspector

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David Biton were among the municipal officials who toured Solomon's Stables yesterday morning.

The municipality was cautious in its reaction to the planned opening. In a statement, the city spokesman said the municipality is coordinating its dealings on the matter with the government and security establishment, "in light of the special sensitivity which the site has."

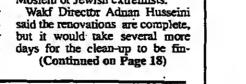
Wakf and security officials have sharply criticized the municipality for taking out the stop-work order in the first place, saying it only heightened Israeli-Palestinian tensions and that there were quieter ways to deal with the construction violations.

The municipality gave the false impression that the Wakf was building a new mosque on the Temple Mount, when that was not the case at all," a security source

Senior police officers also visited Solomon's Stables yesterday, and reaffirmed the police wouldn't stand in the way of its opening.

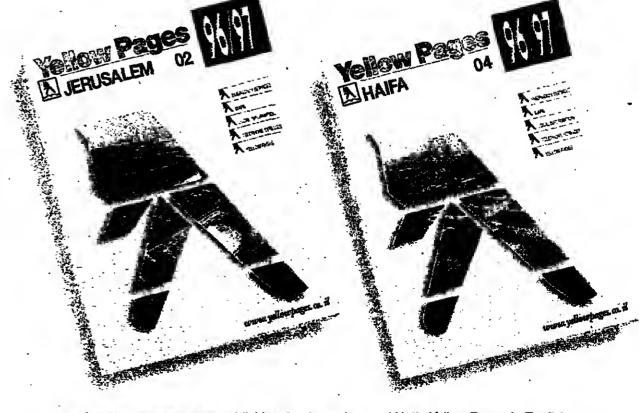
"From our point of view, they can open up next week, or even in another month," said one senior officer.

Police sources rejected reports that the opening might result in security problems, from either Moslem or Jewish extremists.



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Weizman: Arafat sending conflicting messages

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman yesterday ehided Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat for saying he could not prevent the outbreak of a new intifada.

"This cootradiets what Arafat told me this week" during his visit to Caesarea, Weizman said, adding that he had sent the PA head a message to this effect.

But Weizman at the same time intimated that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was not doing enough.

"I hope [Netanyahu] will take up a few more matters," Weizman said, without specifying. "I would like to see another team taking it [the ironing out of difficulties with the peace process] out of my hands. I will be happy to go

Ben-Elissar to request US aid for **Palestinians**

DAVID MAKOVSKY

AMBASSADOR to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar is expected to soon phone Congressman Ben Gillman (Republican-New York) on behalf of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and ask that he release \$10 million in US aid to the Palestinians being held up since last November, sources said yesterday.

During a recent visit to the US, Netanyahu acquiesced to a personal direct appeal by President Bill Clinton that he phone Gillman and that the money be released.

Gillman has said that he is holding np the money ontil Yasser Arafat divulges the extent of PLO assets. Clinton believes a request from Netanyahu would carry more weight than an appeal from a Democratic president.

However, Netanyahn did not act as promised, although the reason remains unclear. This failure to keep his word has exacerbated the friction between Netanyahu and the Clinton administration.

Thus, it seems that the timing of the Ben-Elissar phone call is designed to narrow the points of contention between the Clinton administration and Netanyahu,

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back to my house in Caesarea." The president refused to discuss runnors in the Hebrew press of strained relations with the

Prime Minister's Office over the handling of the peace process and alleged charges that he was overstepping the limits of his position.

"Everything I do is coordinated with the prime minister," he said in reference to his eetings with Arab leaders. "He has given me his hlessing for my trip to Cairo." The prime minister's spokesman, Shai

Barak, refused to comment on the question of strained ties with Beit Hanassi or on Weizman's suggestion that Netanyahu be more active in the peace process. "We have oo comment. Everything is coordinated with, and approved by, the prime minister," Bazak said tersely.

Observers in Jerusalem said that Weizman, who is seen as moderate, was being used as a pawn hy the Arahs to delegitimize the Netanyahu government. This was part of a larger Arah plan to try and change the government in Israel, they said.

Weizman, who was criticized under the previous government for taking a political stand when he called on former premier Shimon Peres to "pause and think," was oow under fire from the present government for allegedly taking too political a role, they noted.

Mubarak warns Israel of difficulties at economic forum

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EGYPTIAN Presideot Hosni Mubarak yesterday again warned Israel that it would face prohlems Mubarak did not elaborate. during the upcoming economic conference unless there is progress in Middle East peace talks. If the Israelis cootinue to refuse

ate problems for them."

he added. The conference is considered to carry out signed agreements, important to the peace process their presence at the economie conference will be difficult," he because it will belp integrate Israel into the region's economy, and said. "We will not stop them from Washington had insisted it be concoming, but I hope the Israelis do vened as scheduled. something before the conference The conference will take place is held or Arah countries will crefrom November 12 to 14, with 85

states and more than 25 international organizations present. "I have listened to Israel's

Weizman in Cairo on Monday.

Meanwhile, the National Infrastructure Ministry announced that Minister Ariel Sharon will visit Egypt very sooo, at

Settlers threaten protest over continuing construction freeze

HERB KEINON

Minister Yitzhak

SETTLEMENT leaders threatened yesterday to "take off the gloves" and actively protest The anger of the settlement against the government if "the leaders came to a boil after continuous freeze oo building in Defeose Judea and Samaria" is oot Mordechai, who must approve any construction in the settlerescinded.

Yitzhar, but also in areas just a

few minutes from Jerusalem,

such as Givat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh

"This government, a governments, refused to allow a meeting scheduled to deal with Ma'aleh ment we supported, is preveoting continued huilding in the settle-ments," said Shaul Mizrahi, head Adumim residents who want to enclose their balconies. of the Givat Ze'ev Local Council. A Defense Ministry spokesman He said that the government is said that Mordechai takes into consideratioo all legal and securipreveoting development not only in areas deep in the heart of the territories, like Elon Moreh or ty considerations before given approval to construction.

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Nisan Slomiansky, head of the Elkana Local Council, said he thinks the decision not to allow. construction in the settlemeots, a few weeks after various plans at different stages of approval were

given the okay, shows that the decision is politically motivated. "I think the government is afraid that this will enrage the Arabs, and they will tell their

In a letter sent to all ministers in advance of today's cahinet meeting, Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, wrote: "The defense minister has refused requests by the Housing Ministry to sign cootracts for the development of infrastructure around Jerusalem, in Ma'aleh Adumin, Kiryat Sefer, and Betar Ilit. In the past, it was reported that these permits were already granted." Wallerstein also protested that

the government had empowered Mordechai to review every development project in the territories at a number of different stages. This constant re-review, settler leaders claim, will make it unlikely that any project will be approved

In a related matter, Kiryat Arba settlement leaders have called for a march tomorrow night from the settlemeot to the Lapid junction to protest agreement" on redeployment in Hebron. Though this was termed an "emergency" march, settlement leaders are still hesitant to say that it is against the present government.

Labor slams Netanyahu over 'deteriorating' relations with Arabs

MICHAL YUDELMAN

Peres added that "it's a matter of policy. Nothing comes back hy itself

Speakers expressed profound eoncern vis-a-vis developments which might occur following the political difficulties with the Palestinians and Jordan, and voiced fear this would cause an eveo worse deterioration in rela-

tions with Egypt. MK Efraim Sneh spoke of the crisis in relations with Jordan. stating that "Netanyahu screwed the whole thing up. The most important achievement in Israel's strategy was the peace with Jordan, the Arab state with which we share the longest border. It was the warmest peace we had, the

best that could be expected. But the irresponsible policy of one who does not understand how the Middle East works turned Jordan from a friend to an enemy. Egypt is in an even worse situation, as it was initially more distant from 115.

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MK Haim Ramon said that "Netanyahu didn't understand what we told him all along, that the peace with Jordan was conditional on peace with the Palestinians. He kept talking about the 'good' peace with Jordan and the 'bad' one with the Palestinians. He didn't grasp that wheo the peace with the Palestinians is stuck, it influences the situation in Jordan, whose king is earrying the whole weight of the peace on his back."

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Explosion near synagogue worries Hungarian Jews

BUDAPEST (Reuter) - The explosion of a small homb near Europe's largest synagogue heightened concern yesterday in Hungary's Jewish community that a pattern may be developing. The homh exploded on Wednesday night in Budapest in a dustbin near the Dohanyi Utca synagogue, which is across the street from the smaller Heroes' Synagogue. The hlast scattered rubbish over

a 20-meter radius, but caused no injuries or other damage, police said

"It's a bit dangerous, but I suppose the police can catch these people," said Peter Feldmajer, president of the Confederation of Hungarian Jewish Communities. "The police should see it is a serious thing. It is not a joke," Feldmajer said.

Palestinian policemen shield themselves from the dust and pebhles kicked up hy Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's helicopter as it arrives in Ramallah, where he attended a Palestinian Council meeting yesterday.

Winning cards and numbers In yesterday's daily Chance drawing the winning cards were the eight of spades, the

In last night's weekly Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 351539

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329958 all were good for NIS 5,000, while tickets ending in 11600, 68424, 35866,

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Ramon: I arranged Deri-Abbas meeting

MICHAL YUDELMAN

MK Haim Ramon, who arranged a "secret" meeting Wednesday night between Shas leader MK Arych Deri and Arafat's number two man Mahmoud Abhas, said yesterday that it was easier to hold such ies now than before th

THE Labor Party is deeply con-

cerned over the deterioration of

the relations with Jordan, Egypt,

and the Palestinians as a result of

Party ehairman Shimon Peres,

who spoke at Labor's executive

meeting yesterday, criticized

Netanyahu for not revealing the

confrontation and sharp exchange

with King Hussein at the

"It is deeply troubling that the Israeli public doesn't know the

truth. Uotil 1 read Tom Friedman

in The New York Times this morn-

ing, I too did not know what hap-

pened in Washington, and that King Hussein attacked the govern-

ment and Netanyahu in a very

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harsh way," he said.

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positions - asked to meet Deri. Ramon approached Deri, who after consulting Yosef and advising Netanyahu, was glad to come meeting and said he was oot authorized to do anything, Abbas told Ramon.

"There are many problems between the two sides. If Netanyahu had said let's sit down and solve them, the Palestin

(AP)

Mubarak's invitation.

"It is in Egypt's interest to hold promises to remain committed to the meeting and several internatheir agreemeots, hut until now tional firms are willing to attend," nothing has happened," Mubarak said. "I hope they make progress during the next few months." Mubarak meets President Ezer



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gain," Slomianski said. The Council of Jewish settlements is scheduled to hold an "emergency" meeting oo the matter this morning, and draw up possible plans of action.

elections.

Ramoo said oo Israel Radio that "meetings like this should have taken place before. But before the electioos Shas's voters would have been more critical of it. Today, after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu shook Arafat's hands and claimed he was enchanted by him, it was easier." Ramon said Ahbas - who was eurious about Deri, Shas and Shas mentor Rahhi Ovadia Yosef's

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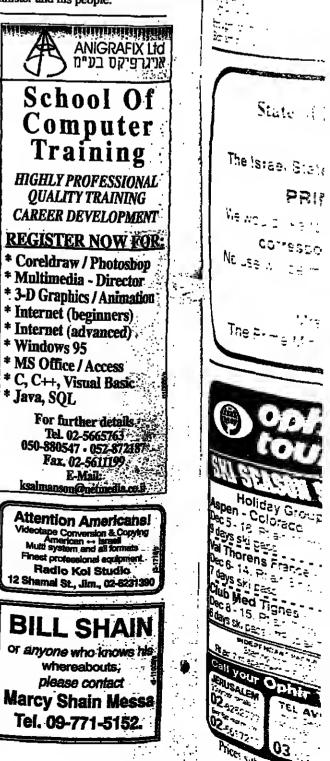
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"It's important for Shas, which is the second largest party in the coalitioo and a moderate party, to meet the number two man in the Palestinian Authority," he added. Ramon said Abbas's main complaint was that for the past three months, until this past Sunday, no

negotiations were being held with the Palestinians at all. Dan Shomron, the head of the steering committee for negotiations with the Palestinians, eame to ooe

may have been more flexible on the Hehron issue. But when nothing happens, then bloody eveots occur," Ramon said. "I'm glad Deri came to the meeting and the two got to know each other and talk. Only direct talks can

advance the peace process. Creating confidence between the two sides - that's the essential element which is missing between the Palestinian Authority and the prime minister and his people."



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Arafat's intifada threat

F anyone had any doubts as to what kind of agreement, however, is that such disputes canpeace partner Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is, Arafat himself provided some illuminating insights yesterday in an interview with the Egyptian weekly Al-Mussawar.

In the interview, Arafat said he will not be able to prevent a new intifada if the Palestinians are not satisfied with the results of the Erez talks. This statement should set off warning bells among even the most devoted adherents of the Oslo Accords.

At the Washington summit a week ago - after having violated his numerous promises on this subject by initiating a three-day shooting war -Arafat once again solemnly promised that the Palestinians would henceforth refrain from violence as a means of settling their grievances against Israel. He reiterated this promise only two days ago during a visit with President Ezer Weizman in Caesarea. Yet already, he is threatening renewed violence if Palestinian demands are not met at Erez.

The interview makes it clear that when Arafat says he "can not" prevent renewed violence. what he means is "will not." He told the paper the reason he would not be able to prevent a new intifada is "because I cannot force myself to agree to oppression, burniliation, suppression, degradation and injustice." However, since preventing violence by one's own people is one of the most basic tasks of a leader, it actually makes no difference whether he can not or will not prevent the violence. The necessary conclusion is the same in either case. That his value as a peace partner is questionable.

For perhaps the first time since the Oslo Accords were signed in 1993, there is thear unanimity in Israel that the Palestinians have some legitimate grievances. At a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this week, for instance, MKs from Meretz to Moledet joined together to call for an end to the seven-month-old closure which has strangled the Palestinian economy and created a 50% unemployment rate in Gaza.

At the same time, however, there is an almost equally unprecedented consensus that Israel has some legitimate grievances as well. Even the staunchest supporters of the accords, such as former prime minister Shimon Peres, were sbocked by the sight of rifles given to the PA by Israel being turned on Israeli soldiers. Labor consented to Aratat's demand for a strong police force armed with Kalashnikov rifles thoogh it would be hard to find another police force in the world which bears such arms - on the understanding that they would be used to fight Islamic terror. Instead, Palestinian Police led the attacks on Israeli positions throughout the territories during the recent violence. The result is that even Peres is insisting that those policemen who fired on Israelis be tried and punished. Grievances, even real and serious ones, between two parties to a peace treaty are not uncommon. The sine qua non of any peace

not be resolved by violence if the agreement is" to survive.

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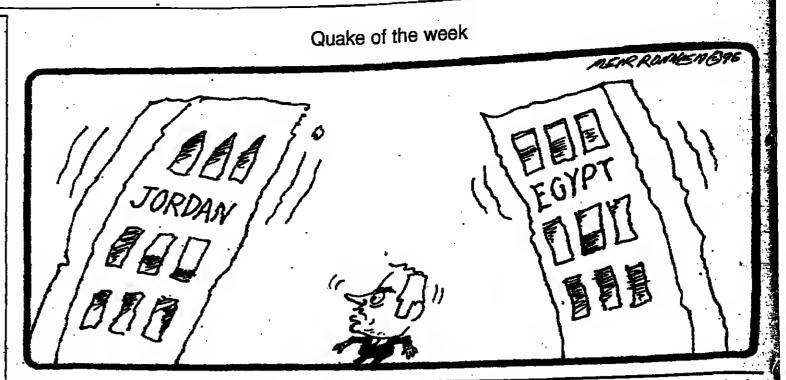
Israel has consistently abided by this principle. Despite a wave of suicide bombings earlier this year which claimed almost 60 Israeli lives in two weeks, the government refused to authorize military action against the terrorist bases in the autonomous region. Even during the height of the bloodshed two weeks ago, though IDF soldiers were forced to fire in self-defense, the government gave the army strict orders that it was not to enter the Palestinian-controlled areas or open fire with the tanks it brought into position near the worst of the fighting.

Arafat, however, has made it clear that he is willing to use violence as a tool over the most trivial of issues. Two weeks ago, the Palestinian cabinet authorized the rioting which led to 15 Israeli and five dozen Palestinian dead, merely over the opening of a new exit to a tunnel which runs along an undisputed Jewish site: The Western Wall. Now, he is threatening a new intifada - this time, with Israeli-supplied guns rather than just rocks - over the extremely minimal security demands Israel has raised in response to the violence two weeks ago. Israel is not, for instance, asking that the PA Police be deprived of their rifles; it is asking only that in Hebron, where the IDF and the PA Police will be in unavoidably close contact even after Israel withdraws, these rifles be replaced by pistols.

One has to question Arafat's commitment to peace if he is prepared to threaten a new intifada over such a minor issue. The implications for the future are frightening. If this is Arafat's response to arming policenten in Hebron with rifles instead of guns, his response to an Israeli refusal to give him eastern Jerusalem or accept a Palestinian right of return to Haifa and Jaffa is liable to be a full-scale war.

Arafat insisted in the interview that the size of the concession be is being asked to make is unimportant, because this is a matter of principle. The Palestinians want the Olso Accords implemented "in full," he said, and would prefer a complete breakdown of the peace process. to accepting anything less.

If Arafat actually meant this, it would be a welcome change. Israelis have been waiting for three years for him to implement numerous critical sections of the Oslo Accords, from extraditwanted tertorists to disarming



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THE documents passed to Israel by Jonathan Pollard

included a CIA assessment that when the number of settlers reached 100,000, an irreversible situation would be created. That was quite right. In the Oslo agreements even the PLO came to terms with the existence of the settlements, for the five-year transition period at least.

This week's fevered discussions at the Erez checkpoint prove another thing: that the Oslo interim agreement is irreversible too. One can argue about modifica-

tions or debate security coordination, but signed agreements are closed. All that's left open for Israel and the Palestinians is to discuss the permanent settlement. But to ensure satisfactory results there, great care must be

taken to see that no arrangements that might prejudice the permanent settlement are instituted during the interim one.

Some people initially claimed that only agreements with states or international organizations could be defined as international agreements, and that this certainly didn't apply to the agreement with the PLO. But by dint of Israel's request that the signing ceremony be held in Washington and that President Clinton give it added force by appending his own signature, the agreement became an international commitment succeeding governments could not ignore.

Contrary to the prevailing assessment when the agreement was signed that it allowed for reformulation at every stage of implementation, it soon became apparent that even those who opposed the Oslo process couldMOSHE ZAK

tively tying the hands of any subsequent government. These facts traced borders and gave sbape to the control of territory.

When five cities were handed over to the Palestinian Authority, justice minister David Liba'i, immun as a dove, nevertheless wanted to hold back on Kalkilya, which is next to the Green Line. He claimed, rightly, that it would set the seal on the border of Israel

The treaty with Jordan is irreversible but a warm peace requires confirmation of Hussein's role vis-a-vis the holy shrines

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even in the permanent settlement. But the government didn't take his advice, and today there is clearly no way back. In that area the border has been fixed.

When the government decided to arm the Palestinian Police the opposition pleaded: "Don't give them guns." Today Shimon Peres taunts bis former critics, who have meanwhile come to power. "Why didn't you take their guns away?" - as if the previous government's agreements could be annulled. · . .

THE PEACE treaty with Jordan isn't an interim agreement but a permanent settlement; all the more. therefore, does it need to be adhered to in every detail. It is based on unprecedented national consensus, as expressed in the Knesset's vote. King Hussein

ed the king. Jordan has no way back from during the negotiation of the agreement. Peres hesitated over Hussein's demand that be be

granted favored status in the upkeep of the Islamic holy places in Jerusalem, concerned that such an obligation would tread on Palestinian toes. But Yitzhak Rabin decided in

favor of this commitment, which was duly included in the peace treaty. In reminding Netanyahu

the prime minister should follow

Following the opening of the exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel and

the attendant crisis. the Jordanians

realized that Israel had infringed

the terms of the treaty back in

viewed in perspective. The friction between Jerusalem last week that he lacks Rabin's

and Amman can be smoothed out. vision the king was hinting that Jordanian bitterness can be Rabin's line in retaining Jordan's assuaged. special role vis-a-vis the holy

But it isn't dramatic steps or announcements of special cabinet meetings that will do this. nor the despatching of a special envoy lo the king. What is required is a return to the quiet diplomacy that has characterized Israel-Jordanian relations from the beginning.

January by conducting negotia-As a first step the prime ministions with the Palestinian-conter should send a personal letter to trolled Wakf in Jerusalem and the PA's Ministry of Religious King Hussein apologizing for the Affairs. These negotiations resulterror committed by the previous ed in a package deal whereby pergovernment regarding Solomon's mission for Moslem prayer would Stables; the letter sbould also explicitly promise faithful obserbe granted in Solomon's Stables vance of the clause in the peace in exchange for the Palestinians turning a blind eye to the opening treaty that grants Jordan preferential status in Jerusalem's holy Israel totally ignored the fact of places.

the peace treaty, and neither does Israel. The two countries are condemned to live in peace - but it should have come as no surprise that such an Israeli infringement of the peace treaty would lead to Jordanian protests and criticism. Jordan rightly expected Israel, sovereign over Jerusalem, to take its side in Palestinian provocaDav

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tiona intended to squeeze Jordan's influence out of Jerusalem. But when Israel failed to respect Jordan's special role. Hussein felt pushed to join ranks with the Arab countries and indulge in pan-Arab rhetoric. An angry king overreacted and came out with some exaggerated statements, but these should be

white in the peace treaty, were

forgotten. This naturally infuriat-

clearly amending the PLO covenant.

Unfortunately, it is clear that what Arafat actually means by this statement is that Israel sbould fulfill every minor detail of its commitments while he is free to continue ignoring even the most major of his obligations.

In any court of law, a contract honored by one side only is considered invalid. The court of Israeli public opinion has been much more lenient so far. But if Arafat persists in his threats of violence - the most fundamental Oslo violation of all - even this court's patience is liable to

expire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPERIOR NEGOTIATING SKILL

Sir, - One must credit Mr. Arafat with another coup worthy of a Nasser. He has succeeded in demonstrating that he can call out a riot. over anything, on a moment's notice, and lay the blame for it on his opposition. The technique worked brilliantly in 1936 and thereabouts against the British, who could think of no response but to back down, and it is just the latest example of superior Arab negotiating skill.

The "land for peace" formula is another such. Of course peace can never be purchased, neither for land nor money nor favors of another kind. The very offer to do so, in fact, makes it abundantly plain that the negotiator is desperate. His opposite number would be a fool, and worse, a bad agent for his principal, if he did not immediately up the ante.

Certainly Mr. Arafat wants peace, but at the right time, not yet. At the moment, he has the best chance for peace, since Mr. Netanyahu is constantly referred to as a "rightist" and a "hard-liner," like Mr. Nixon regarding China or Mr. Begin over Egypt. The truth is that only one who is seen to be a hard-liner can

Sir, - Any legal contract or agreement comprising several conditions has to be kept in toto. One cannot select certain conditions to keep and breach others.

The moment the Palestinians excceded the number of armed "po-licemen" provided for in the Osto Accord, the agreement was broken; when he refused to extradite terrorists and murderers who had sought refuge in his territory, Oslo was dead; and when Arafat failed to curb violence, Oslo was null and void.

By committing these breaches, any obligation on the other party, namely Israel, to abide by the agree ment, ceases to exist. All the above

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make a peace, such as these men made. Why then does Mr. Arafat not jump at the chance?

Because he is an abler negotiator than the Israelis. And the reason for that is not that he is a super-genius. although to be sure he is nobody's fool. The reason is that Mr. Netanyahu does not make policy as Mr. Arafat does, but despite his popular mandate, he merely coordinates an uneasy coalition of prima donnas. In such a match, all the advantages are with the autocrat, especially with regard to speed and flexibility of response.

Arafat will have the public support of his people, on the grounds that they have no viable alternative. It does not in the least hurt Bibi to be called bard-liner, because that strengthens his hand in negotiation. But it is disastrous to have him seen as weak or with eroding popular support. That will suggest to the Arab opposition that he is desperate, as Mr. Peres was seen to be. And that, in turn, will call for new Arab Manchester.

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demands.

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hreaches by the Palestinians predate the time the Hebma redeployment became due. There is, therefore, no obligation on Netanyahu to abide by it. The fact that the Peres government chose to ignore these breaches of the agreement ex gratia does not reinstate the agreement and the elec-

tors gave the answer by failing 10 return the Peres government. Nevertheless, the world is pres suring Netanyahu to accept the Hebron redeployment condition withnut any adjustments for security considerations. Where were these same people when Arafat broke his commitments?

KURT ZENTNER

BRAVO TO NETANYAHU Sir. - I was astonished to learn of the lack of support for Premier Netanyahu over the recent conflict with

the Palestinians. I was even more astonished to hear Shimon Peres state on BBC television that there isn't anything in Hebron that is holy or sacred to Jews! Mr. Peres must be a considerable am ha 'aretz if he thinks that the tombs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their wives are not holy to Jews. The irony is that the most sacred places to Jews in Israel have either a monastery or a mosque built on them Bravo to Prime Minister Netan-

yahu for refusing to close the Hasmonean Tunnel, parts of which have been in existence for thousands of years. Last year, I visited this tunnel and was greatly moved by the experience, to think that at last I could walk alongside and touch the Westem Wall out of sight from the everpervading secular and non-Jewish architecture THE REVD. JONATHAN ORDMAN

THANKS Sir. - It appears that when there are letters of commendation published in your newspaper about your jnurnalists, invariably they are directed at the editorial and feature journalists. Whilst I find all of the articles in the paper of interest and the general standard to be good, 1 think particular thanks should go to Arieh O'Sullivan, your new defense correspondem. He provides an insight into the real story in Israel in an unbiased. objective and extremely informative way. As most of the media coverage

in England tends to be so one-sided, l am forever recommending to my friends bere to read his articles to see things "as they are." Carry on the good work! JONATHAN COHEN

Bromley, Kent.

n't turn the clock back; not because there was no better way to peace, but because at every stage "facis" were created, effec-

GYPT'S President Mubarak has been hailed in certain

circles, including much of the world media, as a "champion

of peace." His admirers credit him

with "trying to dampen Arab skep-

ticism about Israel, assuring [his]

citizens and ... neighbors that it can

be trusted" (Douglas Jehl, in this

past weekend's New York Times).

A closer look at what's happen-

In the Camp David accords

ing, though, reveals a reality that

Israel agreed to give Egypt the

whole of the Sinai, with its strate-

gic depth, oil fields and air bases

as well as willingly evacuating

settlements for the first time in its

history. In addition it agreed to

recognize the Palestinian people

and enter into the autonomy

agreement. In exchange Israel

contracted for what could in con-

temporary terms be called a "full

But what is the actual content of

During the almost two decades

that have passed since the Camp

David accords. Israeli-Egyptian

trade relations have not only seen

no meaningful development; they

are in fact non-existent. What lim-

ited economic activity does exist

is one-aided - a few Israeli invest-

ments in Egypt and Israeli

A similarly disappointing reality

exists in other areas like cultural

relations and the Egyptian state-

controlled media's attitude to

Throughout this period Egypt

has concentrated on an impressive

military buildup; estimates are

that its army is the stronges1 and

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existing on the Temple Mount. Jordan's historic role and its special status regarding the boly The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs. shrines, laid down in black and

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Land-plus for no peace

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is certainly much stronger than anything required to defend Egypt against other neighbors like Libya ог Sudan.

The Egyptian army's "reference-enemy" - meaning the pro-jected adversary against which the Egyptian forces are training. equipping themselves and are deployed - remains Israel. The expensive tunnels constructed

Look at what Israel gave Egypt and what it dot and answer this: Does Israel really understand the Middle East?

under the Suez Canal were built to accommodate far more "traffic" than the most optimistic civilianuse predictions could require.

The most troubling fact, however, is that Israel didn't acquire a political ally in Cairo. Egypt, which found itself politically reinforced by its peace with Israel, mainly in the US, has been leading every possible political battle against Israel.

It has pressed Arab and African countries not to normalize ties with Israel; lobbied Washington Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan, each of these four Syrian borders against aiding Israel in absorbing have seen more violence than the Russian immigrants; pulled every possible string in its Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign; opposed Israel in international forums and continually sided with Israel's opponents, including in times of crisis like the recent one. That President Mubarak has

most advanced of Arab forces. It never honored Israel with a state visit is dismissed by many Israelis as meaningless, and yet it is highly significant in Arab culture.

> palace "diplomacy is the continuauon of war by other means," to paraphrase Klausewitz. This Egyptian political attitude has spanned both Likud and Labor governments.

Egyptian leaders amounting to a proclamation that Egypt's peace is conditional upon Israel meeting Sometimes one might even be tempted to think that for the Cairo new demands, the likelthood of an immediate eruption of violence

with our southern neighbor is nonetheless very low. Having said that, one must be watchful of Egypt's impressive military abilities. Ever-increasing Egyptian internal unrest, not to mention the recent assassination attempts on president Mubarak's life, raise more questions about

far less political weight against

In spite of recent rhetoric by

Israel than does Cairo.

the possible use such military abilides might be put to in future. The Egyptian army's dependence upon the US is only a limit-

ed comfort, in particular with regard to extreme political circumstances such as internal Egyptian political struggles or the eruption of a crisia in the region. After all, Iran fought Iraq with American equipment years after American aid was no longer available.

The most fundamental and troubling question that remains is this: Israel than with any of its other If Israel gave Egypt "land-plus" and got in exchange a naked In spite of a formal peace with peace. a reinforced political foe and an increasingly powerful potential military adversary, does this mean there is something wrong with our perception of the Middle East?

The writer, a former head of a section in IAF intelligence, practices corporate law in Tel Aviv.

RAY BARNES doesn't have themselves with a shotgun, in your average cleaning business. Instead of cleaning grit and room saturated." grime, be's wiping up blood and

gats, literally, from crime scenes. "You could have someone who would shoot themselves in the head with a revolver. That, in some cases, would not be very messy," said Bames, owner of Crime Scene Cleanup. "But ties to transport bodies from some people prefer to shoot crime scenes.

which case you have the whole

Barnes started the Washington business in 1994 with his wife Louise, who ran a maid service, His company is called in by people to rid their homes of the visible signs of crime and by authori-

A THREE-METER piece of a wing flap from a TWA Boeing 727 was found on a New York fell on a Queens neighborhood.

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borhood near Kennedy Airport. Neighbors said they had heard a loud thud in the middle of the night.

727 could continue flying safely even after losing a wing flap. The day before, a piece of a Delta Airlines 727 engine fell onto a neighborhood in Flushing. It seems to be safer in a plane than in your own living room.

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street, a day after a sizzling-hot engine part from another jetliner

No injuries were reported in

The metal flap, 38 cm wide, left gashes in the road in South Ozone Park, a residential neigh-

A Boeing spokeswoman said a

post-'73 Israeli-Syrian border. Unlike the "rehabilitation" as a result of Egypt's peace with Israel that has brought it American economic and military aid, Syria conunues to weaken on both these accounts - a good explanation, perhaps, of Syrian "peaceability."

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IT IS interesting to compare this with Israeli-Syrian relations. From the end of the Yom Kippur

peaceful border with both Egypt

and Syria - and yet Israel has paid

no meaningful price to Syria. In

fact Syria has a better "peace" (in the sense of absence of war) with

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NEWS IN FOCUS

Friday, October 11, 1996

The long, tough road to restoring trust

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai tells Arieh O'Sullivan and David Makovsky about efforts to advance the peace process while maintaining security

700 said that when the Palestinian Police opened fire on IDF troops there. was a break in trust. Will the trust that was violated with the crisis ever be restored?

First of all, a difficult situation has arisen where Palestinians who received authority from us used it to harm IDF soldiers and citizens of the State of Israel. This is the worst thing possible. It is no doubt raising difficulties now and in the future,

l certainly describe the situation as a new situation. I have in fact described it as an emergency simation. In order to stabilize the situation and return the faith and the joint activities, we on our side need a lot of goodwill, the ability to overcome the pain, and the ability to look beyond the present obstacles to break through to a future way that advances the peace process. As yoo know, my policy is to continue with the peace process and advance it with the Palestinians.

These crises are difficult and cause us to strengthen our guidelines, because without clear security foundations and without the. IDF and security services in every coming days. place possible, we are likely to get

and also the peace process.

Can you claborate on the

Hebron overlooking the Jewish

quarter and reports that the IDF

These matters are being negoti-

ated so I don't want to get into par-

ticulars. The main thing which

needs to control these heights?

or a water line taken, or say a bouse is suddenly huilt next to someooe's door and it causes provocation and violence. If there isn't coordination, it could cause conflicts,

Is Israel demanding that the Palestinian Police be equipped only with pistols? Yes. We understandably want to

reduce the scale and types of weapons to reduce the dangers that could likely happen.

The Americans have pressured to ease the closure. Can you give us more details of what is going to be done?

We have no policy of closure. If there had not been incidents, then we would be in a situation today where there would hardly be a closure. 1 don't have a policy and the government doesn't have a policy of imposing a closure for economic bardship. The closure is for security purposes. We have started easing it and every day we will take more steps. We have lifted the internal closure around

Palestinian cities, except Nablus, and this too will be lifted in the



Yitzhak Mordechai: When one is in office, as I am, one can't ignore reality. You have to be a realist and know that while ideology guides you like a compass, it is reality which dictates how you behave. (Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

to exist, and we will continue to all the time.

that the Jewish settlements in understand that Israel exists on a theo decide what to do. So I think Judea, Samaria and Gaza cootinue volcano that it is trying to stabilize that [Syrian President Hafez] is a cool-headed, calculat Assa

Likud's new shining star

The defense minister has made the difficult transition from the military to the government look easy, Arleh O'Sullivan reports

TITZHAK Mordechai bas turned out to be the suirprise star of the new Likudled government. Some attribute it to his moderation in a time of turnult, others say it is because he is the straight man with a pragmatic approach to the many crises he has bad to face in his short time in office. But all agree that the decorated, bull-necked geoeral has turned out better than expected and shown that a political newcomer can shine, particularly when those around him do not.

Hanan Crystal, the noted political commentator for Israel Radio and Ma'ariv, said Mordechai bas succeeded in getting high marks from the public because be is "a one-eyed man in the land of the blind.

"With Mordechai you got more than you expected. People thought that he would be another David Levy who was given the post for electoral reasons. When he wasn't appointed to the top IDF slot or eveo [given] the job of deputy chief of staff, the public saw it to mean that be wasn't good enough so their expectations from him were low," Crystal said.

"Suddenly we see not only that he has a harmonious relationship with the top army brass, but that he is running his office as it should be done, with a working hierarcby and a functional work plan," Crystal added.

Compare this to the totally confused way that David Levy is running the Foreign Ministry and the way Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabn's office looks without even an office manager, and you see that Mordechai is the only one of the senior ministers who is run-

Mordechai vowed that Israel's stamina to fight would outlast the Palestinians.

We will never become tired. We will act as if the intifada is going to last for 100 years," he told the Associated Press in a 1989 interview.

During the height of the intifada, Mordechai refrained from sending in tanks to fight the civilian revolt. Now as defense minister he has changed his tactics, mainly due to the fact that the IDF has the comfortable scenario of confronting another armed force and not a band of street hooligans.

Mordechai has maintained close relations with the army. The difference between his approach and that of Netanyahu, who has tried to neutralize any military input into decision-making, is evident in the fact that Mordechai himself said he found out about the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel only five minutes beforehand and the first thing he did was ootify the chief of staff.

Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, former deputy foreign minister and author of Civil-Military Relations in Israel, said Mordechai appears to have an understanding of the dynamics in the relatiooship betweeo the army and government. "Mordechai had two strikes against him wheo he took over. He was fresh out of the military and subordinate to those he now commands. He was aware of this and has appeared to successfully overcome this deficit." Ben-Meir said.

"He is a great surprise. He acts with level-beadedness, trics to learn topics and act cautiously and moderately," Ben-Meir added. "But he has still not stood

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guides us is that we have the anthority and the military capability to react against warnings of attacks and respood to incidents so we can prevent dangers or react against the dangers and oot create a situation where the lives of Israeli men, women and childreo are in danger and the other side is

not aware that we have the capability to act when and where needed. This is the main issue being discussed in the committees. I hope, I assume, that a formula will befound that will be able to advance the matter. The second main area is the civilian area [in Hebron]. In H2, according to the agreement, we are already responsible for the security and the Jewish bomes and

all Jewisb property is under Israeli responsibility. But we also want every change done by the municipal authorities in H2, which is under our security responsibility, to be carried out in coordination [with us]. We don't want a situation where a road is being paved,

Will the IDF soon resume the into very dangerous situations. We will oot be able to concede on joint patrols in the West Bank? In areas where there are still security matters which are vital for the safety of the soldiers and the dangers and tensions, we said we won't renew them until there are citizens under our responsibility discussions.

Is Israel still demanding that importance of the heights in . the Palestinian Authority prosecute those security forces who fired at IDF troops?

Obviously we are. Certainly we want that anyone who fired at our soldiers or acted against the norms be dealt with accordingly.

As the minister with the last word on settlements, what are the guiding lines of this government's policy regarding settlements?

We have put on [Jewish settlers] limitations for every trailer and every change because of the political sensitivity. Everything that was frozen during the Rabin-Peres government, this government has unfrozen. From that moment, from a legal point of view, they can build. Then they need permission from the controlling body to see if it meets the criteria of sewage, electricity and water and infrastructure and that it doesn't harm or deviate, or that it isn't someone else's land.

But what do you say to the Palestinians who say that the settlements are a stumbling block to peace?

I don't accept that. The Palestinians understand, and it was the policy of the previous as well as the present government

serve its needs within the boundaries of the settlements.

tlements? No. Are we planning to confiscate Arab land? No. Perhaps if we need to pave a road to serve both Arabs and Jews we will do so, just as we do in Israel.

Are there any specific plans for expansion of existing settlements in the future?

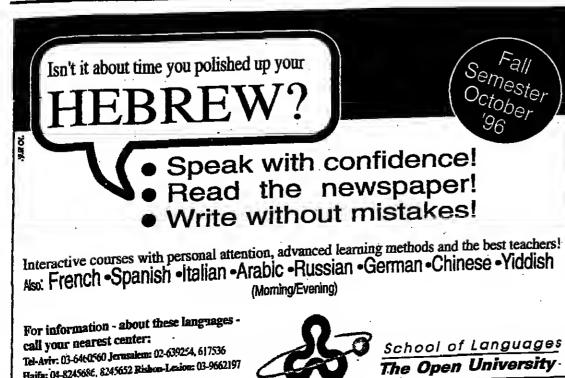
We are building ad hoc. Every plan that comes here is examined thoroughly.

Yitzhak Rabin spoke of Iran as the No. I danger in the area. How do you see the dangers in the region?

There are two central dangers in the Middle East. One is extreme Islamic fundameotalism, which has no boundaries. One of its goals is Israel, but they also target the whole Western world. The second thing which endangers the world, and certainly Israel, is the ability of nations like Iran and Iraq to get nuclear weapons.

Iran is the source of Islamic fundamentalism and the great desire to make, or purchase, non-conveotional weapons. Imagine what would have happened if Iraq had ouclear weapons during the Gulf war. The other danger is the arming of Arab natioos, with an emphasis on surface-to-surface missiles with large ranges of over 500 kilometers so they can fire at Israel from afar like in the Gulf

Add to this all the weapons and troops in the area and you will



The tension with Syria seems to Are we going to set up new set-

have abated for now. But with their new deployment around the Hermon, do you envision a scenario where the Syrians could take the mountain or other hills on the Golan Heights? I don't think they can conquer

war. the Hermon. But they can always find a weak spot on the Golan Heights at another site to perform a limited operation. But after they do this limited operation, they have to think now what? We will

ing man and if he does an operation be wants to know what dangers it involves. Therefore, I don't believe that in the short range Assad will make a grave mistake. I tell him as minister of defense we have oo intentions for war and I will make all efforts to prevent

Together with this, don't think for one second that you can surprise us, that you won't find us ready. And if you carry out some military operatioo against us, (Continued on Page 8)

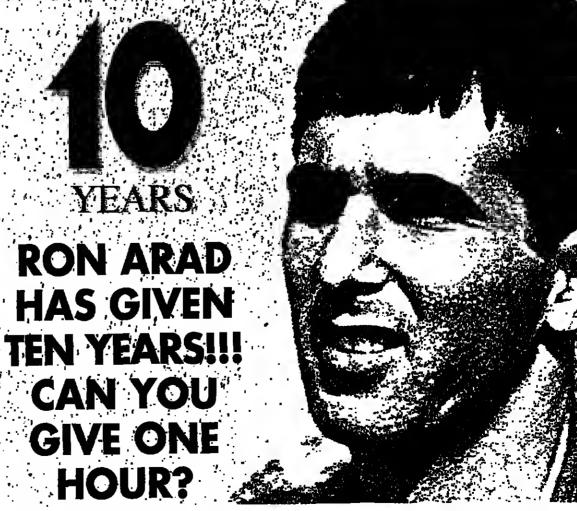
ning his office as it should be test. We doo't know what his done, Crystal said.

The Iraqi-born political oewcomer is a retired major-general who has had the distinction of serving in all three of the regional commands, North, South and Central. He has served in every major command from the Golan Heights to the Gaza Strip and woo a Medal of Valor in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. A year-and-a-half into the intifada, with OC Southern Command responsible

for the volatile Gaza Strip,

strategic visioo for Israel and the IDF is because it's too early. But what we have seen is that be has maintained the correct relationship with the beads of the IDF," Yehuda Ben-Meir said. MORDECHAI'S image in the

Israeli public is oo the rise, mainly due to his moderate tone, but also, political observers say, because he is surrounded by ineptitude. "He hasn't made any obvious mistakes (Cootinued on Page 8)



DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST AND INVOLVEMENT OPPOSITE THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING IN NEW YORK CALLING FOR RON'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE, MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1996 AT 11:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME

On 16 October, 1986, Ron Arad bailed out of his plane over Lebanon and was taken prisoner. In a few days' time, we will mark the tenth anniversary of his captivity, and his release is nowhere io sight. Several years ago, Israel assisted in the release of hostages in Lebanon through the release of terrorists. Ron was not released in this deal, among other things because the United Nations did not live up to its commitments. Moreover, the United Nations houses within its walls the delegation of a country enjoying equal rights, but most definitely not equal responsibilities. This country is Iran. A country which places no value on human rights and does not honor international conventions on the rights of Prisoners Of War. We are calling on the United Nations to suspend Iran from that organization until such time as it desists from supporting terrorism, thus rejoining the family of nations. We view the United Nations as a major factor in gaining Ron's release, both because of its moral obligation to Israel and because that organization, and especially Secretary General Bourros Bourros Ghali, are capable of bringing a successful end to this tragic affair.

If you are in New York on 14 October, 1996, please join us in this demonstration calling for the release of Ron Arad.

Follow the rally on the web: http://www.ron-arad.co.il 가 있는 것이 있 같은 것이 같은 것이 있는 것 같은 것이 같은 것이 있는 것이 없는 것이 있는 것

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'War stories' from a **Hebron road**

Last Thursday, 'Post' reporter Abraham Rabinovich went to the City of the Partiarchs to interview Jewish residents. But it was his ride back to Jerusalem that he'll best remember

THERE was only a secood or so to take in the scene but one detail registered clearly; the rock being held in two hands by the tall Palestinian youth to my front was as big as a basketball.

He and his frieods, who were holding smaller rocks, crowded the line of my car's approach like matadors braced for the cbarge. The smallest, a boy of 10 or so. made a waggly gesture at me with an upturned palm that seemed to say "What in Allah's name are you doing bere?"

It was a questioo I could well have asked myself.

I had driven down to Hebroo last Thursday to test the mood of Arabs and Jews oo the eve of the talks that will presumably decide the city's immediate fate. The seitlers appeared concerned about their possible outcome but were sustained hy what they saw as the clear historical-moral justice of their case.

"Hebroo is the city the Jewish people oever left," said Rabbi Avinoam Horowitz. To bave prevented Jewish resettlemeot in Hehron after the Six Day War would bave been to reward the perpetrators of the 1929 massacre, he said.

"In America, would they tell Jews you can't live in Teonessee or Los Angeles because you're a Jew? Are we to be told that we canoot live in the City of the Fathers hecause we're Jews?"

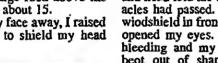
A curfew had been imposed oo Hehroo's Arabs. In order to talk with some I decided to drive to an outlying oeighhorhood where the curfew might he less strictly enforced. I found a number of meo in an area of small workshops. They spoke pessimistically about the chances of peace my left arm to shield my head

beiog achieved as long as Binyamin Netanyahu was prime minister. One exception, thoogh, was an impressive looking workshop owner in his 50s with a stubbly white beard and a white galabiya.

"I think that at the end of the road Netanyahu will bring peace," he said. "He will want to be reelected and that means he will want to satisfy his people." Speaking flueot Hebrew, he said be had many Jewisb frieods, eveo in Kiryat Arba, a hotbed of natiooalist-religious extremism. "There are people with souls in Kiryat Arba," he said. He had many Jewish customers as well. "I think that something will come out of these troobles. This is a land of two peoples. We canoot throw the Jews ioto the sea and they cannot expel us. There is no alternative to peace."

THOSE UPLIFTING words were still souodiog in my ears wheo I started down the road five minutes later towards Jerusalem. I had not been on that road for years and realized only helatedly that I was in Halhoul, a notorious trouble spot. Eveo as that thought was registering, a looe youth dashed out and threw a rock from a distance which struck the rear of the car, confirming that I had eotered Indian country. A minute later came the ambush.

The seveo or eight youths who suddenly appeared in the curve ahead of me must have known from experieoce that, once committed to the turn, drivers could oot easily swerve. The youth raising the large rock above his head seemed about 15. Turning my face away, I raised





Abraham Rabinovich is back at his desk after suffering on-the-job injuries last week.

and I shut my eyes tight. A sec-ood passed and I thought I had beceath a tree where the unit Presse who had been wounded doctor and a medic dressed my miraculously escaped. A shatterwounds. A major asked if I wanting sound and blows on my arm ed to speak to my family and and head told me the age of mirdialed the oumber oo his cellular acles had passed. There was oo phone. He told me oot to worry about the car, which would be covering wars and riots he him-towed to a Jerusalem lot. (It self had been wounded hadly in wiodshield in front of me when I opened my eyes. My head was bleeding and my left arm was was.) The blurred visioo had by beot out of shape hut it had oow disappeared; the eyelids spared my skull from the brunt had apparently beeo covered V1S101 10 000 with glass shreds. Ao ambulance eye was blurred. I assumed it from a nearby settlemeot arrived had been damaged hy the glass to take me on a 40-minute ride to which covered everything. However, the car was still hold-Hadassah Hospital with sireo wailing, fulfillment of a childbood dream, There had been oo time to be High drama gave way abruptly frighteoed and there was no to mundane hureaucracy wheo I choice oow hut to cootinue forwas led into the emergeocy ward. The steering wheel felt odd. When I looked down I saw room, A barried doctor told the amhulance driver to seat me in that its top half had beeo beot . the corner where about 15 other downward. The bottom balf, persons were awaitiog first persons were awaitiog first which my right hand gripped, screening. It was close to an hour before was wohbling like the wheel of a an orthopedist removed the banbadly made toy bicycle, yet it was controlling the car's movedage the army doctor had placed. The flicker of alarm in her eyes I had forgotten the lay of the reassured me that I bad finally reached the right address. land since my army reserve days and was uncertain of the dis-Treatment thenceforth was superb. Within two hours I was tance to the nearest Israeli settleunder general anesthesia as docment. In less than five minutes tors secured a brokeo forearm an army cbeckpost appeared bone with a metal clasp, reset a around a bend and the soldiers directed me to a hase on a oeardislocated wrist, and closed my by hilltop. The reception there wound. By chance, I was placed io a ward oext to Manoocber was wooderfully kind. It was a veteran reserve unit; many of the Deghatia, an Iranian-born pbo-They seated me oo a chair tographer for Ageoce France-

the week before during the disturbances in Ramallah. After three hours of photographing hullet.

one of the most chaotic scenes he had witnessed in 20 years of a leg, appareotly by an Israeli He was carried to a local hos-

ital whose corridors were filled

(Isaac Hanan)

(Continued from Page 7) you'll receive a very grave, extreme and immediate reaction from us. That is what I would tell him.

Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Tantawi recently said Egypt was announcing its largest military exercise to protect against an Israeli attack. How do you respond to this?

Israel has no intentions of harming Egyptian sovereignty. We have peace with Egypt. I think the Egyptians have to put forth all efforts to refrain from verbal attacks, which don't help anyone. We want a much more personal and warm peace, but there is a wide gap between not having a warm and personal peace and having a conflict. I would be happy to visit Egypt and meet with the Egyptian leadership.

How do you foresee the strategic relations with Turkey now that it has an Islamic-led government? I very much hope that Turkey and . its government understand and know how to guide it so it continues to be a democratic Western state We have very good relations with Turkey. When I feel the security situation in Turkey allows it, I would like to visit Turkey. I would also like to help the Turkish Army. We have welcomed military relations for our benefit and Turkey's benefit. I hope these ties will continue. We both have an interest in strengthening the moderate elements in Turkey.

You are visiting the United States next week. Do you believe that Israel and the Americans see the Middle East eye to eye? I think that in the large picture, we

see eye to eye. There are no conflicts of interests between us; on the contrary. We appreciate everything the Americans have done for us. Even among friends, however, there can be differences of opinion.

We have security interests which we cannot concede on, and on this we can have arguments. I hope we can deal with this on an acceptable level and not slide into actions or statements by either of us which would have the special and friendly relations with America. The visit can create a personal chemistry and a common ground for strengthening the relations with the Americans,

Can you elaborate on some of these differences of opinion? The process of progress with the Palestinians. There can be differences of opinion in the essence and method of negotiations with the

(Continued from Page 7) He has not distanced the IDF commanders as Netanyahu has purposely done," Crystal said.

appreciation of Mordechai to the mands in the IDF, but he also

ences regarding the special needs of the State of Israel to answer the threats. Maybe through American glasses these problems are simple and not important. In our view they are critical. That is the argument and

that is natural. Are there any intentions to reduce the \$1.8 billion in annual

US aid? Against the threats facing us today, wish we could increase it because the need is growing, the weapons are more sophisticated and much more expensive.

What kind of changes do you plan to implement in the IDF and Defense Ministry as we move

toward the peace era? We are only four months in the government. First of all I have to learn the system. Then there were the cuts to the defense budget. Later there were the possibilities of problems with the Syrians and Lebanese. Then the crisis with the Iraqis and now the crisis with the Palestinians. The 1997 work plan is just before

us, and there are all the running items. I go from meeting to meeting and hardly get a wink at night. I certainly plan after the 1997 program is set out to sit and think what the future threats against Israel are and how we are going to build our secu-rity capabilities against these.

Are you satisfied with the running of the government, as a body? This is a government which is

learning. Every one naturally behaves differently. I don't give out grades. I think this government has potential. It has a policy and, I think, canabilities. Planning, coordination and carrying out are a function of time. I presume that time will make a difference, and work concepts and directions of thoughts will be made appropriate to the reality and the

I say all the time to ideologists that it is your duty to present the ideology you believe in when you are in the opposition, when you are in an electioo campaign, or when you don't take responsibility. But when one is in office, as I am, as the defense minister, one can't ignore reality. You are obligated to the reality as it is now and you have to be a realist and know that while ideology guides you like a compass, it is reality which dictates bow you behave,

Sometimes you move left, sometimes right, but you return to the path. If you are unable to cope with reality, you will be knocking your

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his steps carefully and prefers slow change to quick leaps. "He is not a revolutionary," said Noy. "Itzik is a man with a lot of experience. He Crystal also attributed the public not only held all the field com-

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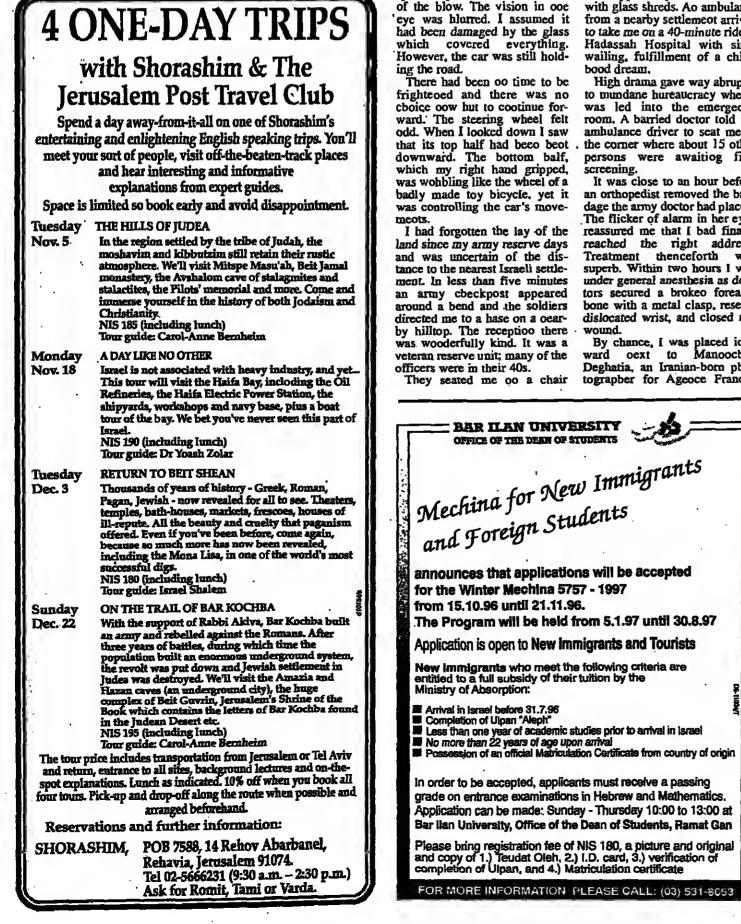
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with huodreds of wounded. Instead of being operated on, a handage was put on his wound and theo a cast. Fortunately, colleagues got him out. A local cease-fire was arranged and a Palestinian doctor drove him across to the Israeli lines. A week later he was still in agonizing pain but his leg had been saved from certain amputatioo. Neither he oor I had any griev-

ance against those who had put us in bospital. Professiooal voyeurs, we had beeo reminded that we are not invisible after all, and that the impact of the events we report, for those actually caught up in them, ootlasts the next day's edition:

A number of right-wing friends asked me duriog the week whether the incident had changed my left-of-center political views. Some said outright that I should now be able to recognize the vile oature of the enemy. The answer, of course, is negative. Nor would they likely join Peace Now if a Palestinian Good Samaritan saved them from a burning car.

The youth with the hig rock was doing his thing the way I was doing mine and the soldiers who belped me were doing theirs. I do not assign wickedoess to political opponeots, eveo if they try to kill me.

I do assign it to fanatics, whether in my camp or the other, who are unwilling to acknowledge the same measure of buman grace in the Other as they do in themselves.

In the drama we are all embarked upon there are few devils, apart from "poor devils" of whom there are many.

media who, once they saw he was a reasonable man with moderate opinions who was willing to take responsible decisions, hegan to relate; to him as such.

Mordechai is also protected from the media by his press adviser, Avi Benyahu, who sheltered the minister for his first months in the job and at times used his enormous girth to physically distance reporters from the defense minister. Mordechai was cased into the public's eye and it is only recently that be has started giving interviews.

Mordechai owes his position to Netanyahu and is considered faithful to him. Despite his strong showing in the primaries, his strength in the Likud Party is uncertain since he does not have his own political camp. For now he is not considered a threat to Netanyahu. Nevertheless, his visit to the United States next week follows the traditional American tactic of signaling out the "normal ones" and courting them, Crystal said.

His command of English is not fluent, but he gets by. He studied infantry tactics in Cambridge, England, and holds degrees in history and Jewish studies. His attempt at law school last year was curtailed when be ran in the Likud primaries and surprised everyone by being elected to the No. 2 slot behind Netanyahu,

"He doesn't pretend to understand the American mentality. He comes without pretenses, speaks his halting English and doesn't try to pass himself off as anything but a simple sabra soldier. And they are enchanted by his magic," said Brig.-Gen. Rafi Noy, who served with him as the head of his office in the Northern and Central commands.

As for vision, Mordechai is said to be a cautious man who weighs

served on all of the monts. He knows all of the problems and the people on our side and the other side," Noy said.

"He has a lot of patience and stamina and cool-headedness, Hc prefers to listen to another opinion before making a decisioo. Depending on the situation, he decides who he wants to hear, but he has a close circle of people that he consults with," said Noy, who said he has spent "thousands of hours" with Mordechai.

"He is not some kind of guy with great vision. He doesn't believe m revolutions and he doesn't believe in setting goals that are too difficult to reach. He is mainly a guy who looks back and sees from where he came and where he wants to go. He is not a man of leaps. He goes slowly, doesn't take uncalculated risks and very much tries to refrain from makmg mistakes," Noy said.

Fifty-one of his soldiers were killed and another 100 wounded as his battalion was decimated at the Chinese Farm in Egypt during the 1973 war. It is a scar that still causes him pain. At the recent memorial service for fallen paratroopers, Mordechai was physically moved and hugged some of the families of soldiers who fell under his command,

Mordechai takes every casualty as if it were his own son. As OC Northern Command, Noy said, he would lock himself away for hours after a soldier was killed. "He would sit for hours without uttering a word," Noy said

Noy commented that Mordechai is not a flamboyant character, not. interested in wealth. "But he is saddened that he has had to curtail his friendships with many of his friends because of the security" around him . as minister of defense, Noy said.

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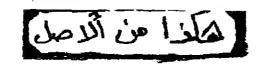
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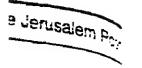
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FEATURES

Law to lore – a legal legend in the capital

There's no middle ground when it comes to people's views of Eitan Geva, the attorney who for three decades has spearheaded the purchase of Arab properties in Jerusalem by Jewish groups, Bill Hutman reports

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in Jerusalem in the early 1970s. The second-floor office is dark, the settlers.' But not all my work involves property purchases in eastern Jerusalem. That's only and sparsely decorated. A single, outdated rotary phone sits atop his desk. On the back wall, there is a ooe part of what I am involved in," said Geva, in his small center-city small picture of the City of David office. The 59-year-old Geva, who as a rule doesn't speak to the section of Silwan, the Arah neighborhood just outside the Old City press, complained in a rare series of interviews with The Jerusalem which he is helping settlers claim. The office is a far cry from what Post of having an image problem. The physical layout of the office might be expected from a man who is reportedly a multi-millionleads to the aura of mystery suraire, has a home in the exclusive

rounding the attorney, who held Yemin Moshe neighborhood, and senior government and military has wide-ranging connections in

T is becoming tongher for Jewish investors and

groups to purchase property in eastern Jerusalem

for one simple reason - the Palestinian Authority,

Palestinians have always been fearful about being

caught by their fellow Palestinians selling land to Jews, be says. But today, with the threat of reprisal not in Tunis or Amman, but on their doorsteps,

Palestinian landowners are particularly apt to shy

Just how real is the threat by the PA against

Palestinians who sell land to Jews? Geva says that

only last month PA security agents kidnapped a

Palestinian man hired by a Jewish client of his to

guard a building the client purchased, near the

The case made headlines last month, when police

had to be called in to break upa struggle between a

Palestinian family who claimed ownership to the

home, and other, Jewish guards, subsequently hired

The case is now in court, and last week Geva pre-

sented an affidavit detailing the alleged kidnapping.

"Some 15 men ... who identified themselves as offi-

cers in the PA security forces entered the building

and confronted the guard, Omar Shludi," the affi-

"They told Shludi that they knew [the property] was 'sold to Jews,' and demanded he turn the key

over to them, warning him that if he didn't he would

be branded as collaborating with someone who sold

American Consulate in eastern Jerusalem.

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posts before setting up a law office the government, security establishment, and Jewish communicies worldwide.

Geva, lighting up a cigar, continnes with his explanation of how he is misunderstood. "Few people realize that a lot of my elients are Arabs. They know they can trust me.... I must admit that receotly Arabs have been shying away from me, but I still represent many of them. "I represent the private Wakf of

Hassan Husseini, the grandfather of Faisal Husseini, who is fighting against several Jewish business-

understand the hint." Shludi was allegedly taken to

Ramallah, and held until he gave up the keys and

Geva recalls that in the 1970s the Jordanian gov-

ernment passed a law mandating the death penalty to

anyone who sold property to Jews, and that the move slowed sales to Jewish investors and groups in east-

ern Jerusalem. However, he is quick to add, the

Jordanians may have had sympathizers in eastern

Jerusalem, but still Amman had no real way of get-

That changed three years ago when the PA moved

into Gaza and Jericho. Despite the PA threat, howev-

er, Palestinians continue to sell property to Jews in

eastern Jerusalem, according to Geva. Most that do

must flee the country, however - Mujier Aladin

Alaiemeh, who sold the property to Irving

Maskovitz, a leading patron of the eastern Jerusalem

settlement movement, was lucky enough to hold a

Swedish passport, so he could take his money, and

Jewish groups and investors have also not been completely dissuaded by the PA's threats. According

to Geva, the settlement group Ateret Cohanim con-

tinues to make purchases of homes in the Old City,

Private Jewish investors, both from here and

abroad, today primarily look in areas where

Palestinians continue to hold private tracts of land

adjoining Jewish neighborhoods, such as near Gilo,

between Beit Safafa and Givat Hamatos, around Har

and Elad in the City of David section of Silwan,

ting at Palestinian land-owners who broke the ban.

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men who are claiming a 17-dunam tract on the Mount of Olives, that is part of the Husseini Wakf," he says. Geva said that he was hired by the trustees of the family Wakf, but that Faisal Husseini gave his approval for the attorney to be used by the family.

Geva also said he has represented the Wakf administratioo at Al-Aksa, in a legal battle it had over a tract of land in Bethlehem. In this case, it was another Palestinian elaimant, from Hebron, that he faced in court, and a compromise was reached between the sides. Palestinians have appareotly learned from the settlers in eastern

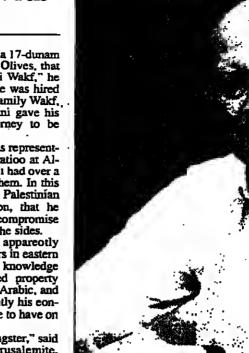
Jerusalem that Geva's knowledge of Israel's complicated property laws, his command of Arabic, and perhaps most importantly his connections, are invaluable to have on their side. "He works like a gangster," said

one well-known Jerusalemite, who has followed Geva's work closely, and spoke oo condition of anonymity. "There's oo other way to describe the way he operates. He's got people backing him with a lot of money, and political connections, be knows how to wheel and deal," he said.

Geva's reputation took its heaviest beating when the Klugman Report of 1993 criticized the Likud government for its funneling of money to eastern Jerusalem settlement group and raised questions concerning the legal basis oo which those groups claimed Jewish rights to Arab countries.

Geva strongly denies ever being involved in illegal land purchases. His bottom line, oot surprisingly given his legal training, is that despite all the allegatioos against him, most of the deals he has put together have held up in court.

"On a purely professional level, there is no questioo that he is an excellent lawyer," said Danny Seidman, attorney for the Peace Now-affiliated Ir Shalem group, that opposes settlers' efforts to purchase properties in Arab neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem,



Eitan Geva: Few people realize that a lot of my clients are Arabs. They know they can trust me. (Brian Hendler)

that Geva and other Jewish operators in eastern Jerusalem have come out clean so far, is that the legal authorities have refraiced from looking closely at their activity. If the authorities really looked, they would fmo widespread wrongdoing, he claimed.

"I've never met Eitan Geva, but I don't think you oeed to have seen him, in order to see what he does," said Khalil Toufakji, who is the chief Palestinian expert of the settlemeot movement at Orient House. For Toufakji, who describes the Palestinians who sold to Jews as "collaborators," and many others - Palestinian and Israeli alike, Geva is "the settlers' adviser.... Whenever the settlers try to take Arah homes, you see

defending what they have done." Geva is most well known for being the legal counselor of the Ateret Cohanim settlement group, which operates primarily in the Moslem Quarter, and of Elad, the settlement group that is trying to buy bouses in the City of David sectioo of Silwan. He also represents Irving Maskovitz, the patroo of the eastern Jerusalem settlement movement. For all these Jewish groups and individuals, he has become known as the master of the secret and complicated ocgotiations on Arab property sales in eastern Jerusalem,

Geva coming right after them,

Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit said recently that there has beeo a sharp increase in the number of homes settlement groups

have purchased Jerusalem, and that police were hraciog for clashes with Palestinian resideots when they tried to enter the homes.

Geva said Amin is way off base. The right-wing politicians and settlement activists who speak of large numbers of buildings and land being purchased in eastern Jerusalem are also exaggerating, he said.

"We're only talking about a few buildings and lots each year," Geva said. He added that "settler" is a misnomer when referring to the Jews who purchase Arab property, because in many cases the deals are being made by businessmen whose interest is money, not ideology.

Geva placed himself somewhere between the two extremes. "I doo't let my beliefs get in the way of my work as an attorney," he said. Geva has reportedly himself purchased Arab properties in eastern Jerusalem for business reasons, although he denied this. Ideology, however, is not far off.

"The purchase of properties in eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods puts important facts oo the ground, that will strengtheo Israel's hold oo the city against the Palestinian demands it be made their capital," according to Geva. "I don't agree with the argument that Jews moving into the Moslem Quarter, or any other Arab neighborhood, creates friction. That simply is not the case," he maintained

Geva, and others involved in purchasing property in eastern Jerusalem, see themselves as entering an area that Israeli governments, both left- and rightwing, cannot themselves go, because they are preveoted by how the world would perceive such a move.

Geva said neither the election of Likud MK Ehud Olmert as Jerusalem Mayor two years ago, or Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu as premier in May, had the positive effect widely expected oo the efforts to purchase Arab properties in eastern Jerusalem. "Politicians will always be politicians, and talk a lot about something, when they are really doing nothing about ir," Geva said. "It's the people who work quietly that really get things done."

to Jews." "In order to put even more pressure on the Homa, and on Mount Scopus, according to Geva. guard, they reminded him that his family lived in an "As long as there continue to be sellers," says seva, "there will also be buyers." B.H. Geva, "there will also be buyers." area under the control of the PA, and that he should Schools make minority issue central to Rabin's memorial services

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program really start-last year after in's murder," said agreed Tamar Gordon, director of death with the issues," in's murder," said agreed Tamar Gordon, director of the agreed Tamar Gordon agreed and to the Arab community in par-Egbaria. The Arab minority is always ticular. afraid that they will not be treated Younger children will be given with equality so the subject of the chance to do artwork based oo equality and respect for the other their memories of the day Rabin is very real for Arab children," was assassinated while older children will be encouraged to write said Egbaria. 'It is a feeling you woo't find among Jewish children. Arab chil-; about their feelings and fears following the murder. dren understand what it means to be in a minority." At Haifa Heh the memorial program will be adapted for the ten to him and understand his young children and will include point of view," said Egbaria.

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Nehama Bar-Kochva, principal of Ramat Aviv Gimel Junior High School. "We learned about Rabin's life and his unique character as a military leader on one hand, and a signer of peace ready to take chances in order to avoid hloodshed on the other Last year we stressed the topic of violence, specifically verbal violence. So we already have a base built for remembering."

After the assassination, schools put special emphasis on incorporating the issues of democracy, coexistence and tolerance into their curriculum, she said.

In one instance students from the Religious Experimental High School for Girls in Jerusalem (Pelech) and Gonen High School have been meeting over the past year to discuss issues relevant to secular-religious relations and to get to know one another as individuals.

"Last year we focused on democracy and Halacha," said Shira Breuer, principal of Pelech. "This year we want to focus on the issue of minorities and majorities. Our dialogue with the Gonen school will continue once a week

Tel Aviv's Yitzhak Rabin High School, where Rabin's grandson is a 12th-grader. "Especially here, where the school was renamed im Rabin's memory]. The subject is very close to the hearts of the stu-

PA makes real estate acquisition

difficult in eastern Jerusalem

dents. The Education Ministry is distrihuting a hooklet to schools which can be used as a guideline for memorial programs but each school is free to design its program according to the individual needs and character of its students, said ministry spokesman Benny Shoukron.

They have also produced a videotape which teachers can use in the classroom. The booklet suggests various exercises teachers can use to help students think about such topics as Rabin's contribution to Israeli society, the purpose of remembering, and how they feel one year after the assassination. The booklet also includes a bibliography of previously pub-lished material teachers can use

for further discussions. The religious education division at the Ministry of Education has also prepared special material for religious, schools emphasizing democracy and Halacha and

first anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's death, but, they say, one day is not enough, Judith Sudilovsky writes.

tion of extremism and violence,

respect for secular law and elected leaders, said director Matityahu Dagan.

"Last year our schools spent time discussing the fact [that Yiga] Amir was educated in religious schools] and we instituted pro-grams in democracy," he said. "But to say that the murder was a result of religious educatioo is mistaken. We of course consider him to be an extremist, and to our way of thinking, people who can do such things are not religious." The only thing the ministry has asked, Shoukron said, is that schools dedicate the day of the vahrzeit to Rabin's memory.

Some schools, such as Ramat Aviv Gimel Junior High School and Pelech in Jerusalem will include parents in their programs. Parental participation is important so students can discuss the issues surrounding Rabin's assassination at home too, said Bar-Kochva.

All schools will bold some sort and for teachers about the signifiof memorial service but other than eance of Rahin's assassination. that, plans for the day vary from There will be a "Unity Corner" set participating in a marathoo in aside in the school building where honor of Rabin in Tel Aviv, to havstudeots, and also teachers, will be ing panel discussions and reading able to meet and talk about their feelings about the assassination, psalms and learning tractates of Mishna at religious schools. But, said Stachel. the main message they want to The memorial program at Pelech will take place over a peripass on to the students is a rejec-

and a respect for the democratic a symposium with workshops disprocess, said school directors. cussing the issue of minorities and "There is a difference between majorities. "We want the girls to understand the legal traditions and indoctrination and education," said Dr. Gideon Stachel, principal the rights and responsibilities of of Beit Hahinuch High School in minorities and majorities," said Breuer. "We spent last year seri-Jerusalem, "With indoctrinatioo ously studying democracy and Halacha, we talked about democyou tell them to do things a certain way, but a school has to present students with a world view and racy, pluralism and equality. This time we wanted to center on one convince them that is the [right] way without compulsion." general issue of minorities and Stachel, who will be out of the majorities."

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And immunity for all...

With more MKs than ever before facing criminal charges, the question of parliamentary privilege will come to the fore this Knesset, Liat Collins writes

RITISH prime minister Benjamin Disraeli once wrote: "I was told that the Privileged and the People formed Two Nations." But if some MKs have their way, the privileges of their peers will become more restricted

MK Elie Goldschmidt (Labor), former chairman of the Knesset House Knesset Committee, recently submitted a bill which would significantly cut back the immunity MKs enjoy and entirely abolish it for incidents not directly related to their parliamentary work. Although the bill is not related to any specific case, it will come up for discussion at the same time as an unprecedented number of MKs face criminal charges.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is the latest to join this list no one wants to appear on. The first meeting of the Knesset House Committee this week dealt with a request by Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair to lift Olmert's immunity to face charges of comption during the Likud's 1988 campaign. Olmert agreed to have his immunity lifted earlier this week.

"The public is beginning to feel the Knesset has become a sanctuary for criminals," Goldschmidt says. "If an MK violates a law in a man-

and into the courtroom.

political foe.

ner completely unrelated to his parliamentary work there is no reason why the Knesset House Committee should have to discuss lifting his immunity."

The ministerial committee for legislation has approved Goldschmidt's bill and Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (Likud) has also suggested a reform of the issue of parliamentary privilege but other MKs - across the political spectrum - have raised fears that it would open MKs up to false charges and vendettas.

"IN MY opinion, procedural privilege can no longer can be justified." says Goldschmidt. "We've already proved over the years that the attorney general has not worked from inappropriate considerations when pressing charges and anyway the High Court could protect an MK who believes his case is being

unjustly handled. "Practically speaking, since an MK can ask for his own immunity to be revoked and since the plenum vote is open, the whole procedure today is a facade. It's like a ceremony at the end of which the immunity is automatically lifted. It also harms MKs who are, in effect, put on trial twice; once hy Knesset House Committee and once by

courts," Goldschmidt says. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, on the other hand, says he will not support Goldschmidt's bill and notes that similar suggestions have periodical-

ly been raised without passing. Summing up his opposition to the bill, Sarid states simply: "We know where it will start but we don't know where it will end. After all, what is [parliamentary] immunity intended for? For those cases when the regime wants to get at an MK for political reasons and set him up. The Knesset can prevent such a thing. In all the discussions, the opposition and coalition have always agreed that immunity

should not be touched," he says. Goldschmidt discounts the view. that the law of privilege acts as a barrier against political harassment. "If there is a threat that the government will get back at an MK who bothers it, then why don't journalists, mayors and other public figures likely to be in the same situation enjoy this type of immunity?" he asks. "If we re a democracy, the threat doesn't exist because of the possibility of appealing to the High Court and if - heaven forbid - we were to stop being a democracy, then the immunity wouldn't help anyway," Goldschmidt says.

IT IS one of the ironies of the current Knesset that an MK whose case sparked off much of the discussion on immunity and at least one amendment is actually the chairman of the very committee which deals with the subject, the Knesset House Committee. MK Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) was the trigger for the amendment on open votes. In 1993, the attorney general asked his immunity be lifted to face charges of fraud and falsifying documents. The Knesset House Committee

and plenum agreed but following a High Court petition by Pinhasi, a revote was ordered on the grounds that the original plenum vote had. not met the rules of due process. In the revote, which was not open, the plenum decided against lifting his immunity. This year the attorney general again asked that Pinhasi's immunity be lifted and again Pinhasi turned to the court, which has not yet ruled on the case.

Citing the Statute of Limitations, the attorney general this week decided to drop charges against MK Avner Shaki (National Religious Meantime, he agreed to be replaced by Likud faction chairman Party) for distributing money to organizations headed by relatives Michael Eitan for such discussions even for traffic offenses an MK can L.C.

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objects to the proposed changes Speaker to apply immunity, without The immunity law is like the public being aware, and the handrails or a fence. You can surpolice then decide not to get vive without it but it's better that it's involved with them and cancel the there. What Goldschmidt is sugreports. And there are other MKs gesting would mean the end of who accept punishment as they immunity altogether. There can be should and do preventive driving no compromise because, in effect, courses or stand trial and everysuch laws [restricting immunity] thing. In the case of traffic violacan only detract from the Knesset's tions I don't believe there should be status and stop its being involved in any discrimination. Justice should be identical for all." any case. The attorney general will go directly to the courts and the Knesset itself will be left out of the

SPEAKER Dan Tichon (Likud) admits he is "very concerned" about the number of MKs facing criminal charges and the Knesset's image, but although be talks of the need for a reform he dismisses Goldschmidt's hill as populist and superficial. One of Tichon's first acts as Speaker was to establish a public committee on the issue. It is chaired by former Justice Minister Moshe Nissim who this year resigned after years as a Likud MK. "It's a matter of increasing concern," Tichon says. "I received four requests for immunity to be lifted in my first four weeks as Speaker. And a large number of MKs can expect to undergo this procedure in the future."

He wants a thorough investigation into all aspects of the issue before preparing legislation which would be more comprehensive than Goldschmidt's bill.

"Several clauses in current law are no longer relevant and there are new issues to discuss such as the ramifications of the computer age and modern means of communication," Tichon says. There are other

privilege-related questions such as physical access for MKs, he notes. Does the IDF have to open every base and every checkpoint to MKs, for example?

"It is a very complex law. I'm not in favor of private members' bill on the subject. It needs greater examination by an extra-parliamentary body. Several bills amending the Knesset House Rules in the past four years were used for political purposes. I don't want a sort of revision which afterwards one side or the other will say came from political and not pertinent considerations," says Tichon. "I don't think MKs are thieves or cheats and I don't believe the Knesset is an asylum from the law, but revision of the immunity law must be handled with care.

Two types of immunity

THE Law of Parliamentary Privilege, passed in L the early 1950s, provides for two types of immunity: substantive immunity for acts directly related to an MK's work, which cannot be lifted, and procedural immunity, which can be revoked to allow MKs to stand trial for offenses unconnected to their parliamentary function.

The two most obvious recent examples of the two categories is the immunity Printe Minister Binyamin Netanyahu enjoyed when he quoted a classified IDF document in the plenum as leader of the opposition and the procedural immunity lifted to enable MK Salah Tarif to stand trial for illegal

hunting. Although MKs enjoy immunity for offenses committed before they were elected - hence MK Benny Elon (Moledet) was not tried for his part in a Zo Artzenu demonstration - it applies only as long as the MK sits in the Kn

Since the 1950s many clauses have been whittled away. In the 1980s traffic offenses were taken out of the procedural immunity category after the Knesset did not lift the immunity of five MKs facing charges of driving violations.

Another amendment 18 months ago removed immunity for offenses for which the penalty is only a fine; as long as the incident is not directly related to the MK's work. Two major amendments were the decision to bold

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open votes on lifting immunity and a clause enabling MKs to ask for their immunity to be lifted and spared the televised plenum debate on the issue

Although there are many different views on whether the law needs revising, most MKs and legal experts agree that the law of privilege is wider for Israeli MKs than their counterparts in the west-



political friends. But Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon warms "Unfortunately, the list seems set to grow longer."

Out of the House

and into the courtroom?

A S the Knesset returns to work, an unprecedented number of MKs are facing charges that could take them out of the House

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is just the latest n a list which

includes: MK Meir Sheetrit (Likud) and MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor)

both facing charges of fraud, forgery and breach of trust; Shas leader

Arych Deri, whose three-year trial for corruption continues;

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan (Tsomet)

charged with using classified military personal information against a

MK Raphael Pinhasi is charged with fraud and forgery relating to

the Shas campaign of 1988-1989. MK Eli Ben-Menahem (Labor)

was cleared of charges of attacking Likud activists in the 1992 elec-tions but still face a possible charge for attacking a public official.

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) was castigated by the Knesset Ethics

Committee for misusing his position as an MK to gain funds for the

Camera Ohscura Photography School as the chairman of the school's

friends' committee. It is not clear whether charges will be dropped

entirely. MK Sallah Tarif (Labor) faces charges of illegal hunting.

on immunity in the Knesset House ask to use his immunity. "There are Committee. Eitan, however, also MKs who secretly ask the Knesset

picture," says Eitan.

"Who will decide whether a case

is related to an MIK's work or not?

Will the courts be asked to decide?

If an MK is charged with libel, for

example, who will decide whether

it's related to his work as a parlia-

mentarian or his personal promo-

tion? Only the Knesset can decide.

Goldschmidt's bill would mean that

the decision of immunity would rest

entirely in the hands of the attorney

general. All we need right now is for

MKs threatened by legal suits and

charges - sometimes justifiably, sometimes not - to feel that they

don't have even the backup of a fair

discussion in the Knesset," he says.

Eitan notes that when an MK

agrees and asks for his immunity to

be revoked it is done quickly, "By

cooperating with the attorney gener-al and Raful [Agriculture Munister

Rafael Eitan], I got Raful's immuni-

ty revoked in two minutes without

Eitan says the law Goldschmidt

proposes is too simplistic but he

agrees with him that MKs should

not be privileged when it comes to

traffic violations. He notes than

either being present," he says.

Who's Who of American Jewish community backs Bill

MERICAN Jews may have been split between Labor and Likud, but the leadership is signing up for Bill Clinton. One month before the American presidential election. the Clinton/Gore reelection campaign announced its "Jewish Leadership Council," which was kicked off in

the middle of last week's Washington summit. Many of the 250-plus members are elected Democratic officials, who, of course, are expected to support Clinton.

But the council's membership list also reads like a Who's Who of American Jewish communal life.

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US President Bill Clinton hopes for at least as much Jewish support as he received last election, Marilyn Henry reports from New York

The council includes David Berman, Ted Mann, Seymour Jermelin and Susan Weikers- Reich, Alexander Schindler and Hermelin and Susan Weikers-Volchok, the key lay leaders of Howard Squadron. Not all are traditional liberals or Israel Bonds; Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish those who support the Rabin-Peres-Clinton approach to the peace Congress; Joel Tauber and Marvin Lender, major fundraisers for the process, although luminaries of United Jewish Appeal; Tommy Baer, head of B'nai Brith; and five Americans for Peace Now are strewn throughout the list. This is a diverse group, including former chairmen of the Conference of Presidents of Major American

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Chaim Kaminetzky, president of National Council of Young Israel, an

organization that spent most of the last few years with the opposition.

The Clinton supporters all signed on as individuals, not as representatives of their organizations. But, said one: "Let's not kid ourselves. Do you really think Clinton's campaign would have called if I wasn't on the letterhead" of some organi-zation? In the 1992 election, Clinton got more than three-quarters of the Jewish vote.

But Senator Boh Dole, the Republican nominee for president, is "no slouch in terms of American Jewish leadership support," said one of the Americans on the Clinton list. Dole's campaign office did not respond to requests for a list of key Jewish supporters. But one of the key Dole supporters is pre-sumed to be Max Fisher, the longtime powerhouse of American Jewish philanthropy. His daughter, Jane Sherman, shows up on the Clinton list.

"The Jewish Leadership Council is important to me for the Jewish voice to continue to be heard," said Weikers-Volchok. "Our history has taught us that we must be proactive, politically involved and must never

forget that we are Jews."

The Jewish council is not the only special-interest group to sign up for the Clinton campaign. There also are councils representing the hyphenated Americans who back president: Ukrainian-Americans, African-Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Irish-Americans. Then there are the Gays and Lesbians for Clinton and the Environmentalists for Clinton, and the unnamed Hollywood Crowd for Clinton.

The Jewish group is one of the largest, according to a campaign staffer, adding that "these groups are put together to show support." But it's not clear how the council members are supposed to do that.

In smaller communities, they may be asked to belp get out the Jewish vote on Election Day. But in New York, for example, there's already a political machine in operation to take care of that, and Jews traditionally go to the polls in high numbers anyway. Money is another way to show support, but virtually all of those contacted by The Jerusalem Post said they had not yet been asked to give.

There's not much else to do except publicize the endorsement which, as it happens, was made during the summit between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat in Washington. The American Jews, it seemed,

were ready to line up for Clinton regardless of whether the president intended to pressure Netanyahu behind closed White House doors. Their attitudes toward Clinton also appeared to be undiminished by his interference - on the losing side - in the Israeli election.

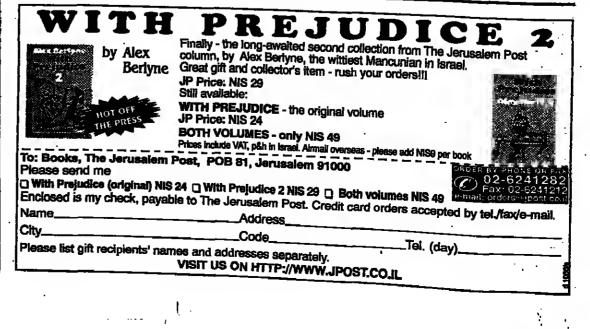
The American Jews also seemed unintcrested in publicly pushing for some items that usually are seen as high on the Jewish agenda, including moving the American Embassy to Jerusalem or for freedom for Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life sentence of charges related to spying for Israel.

Many of those contacted by the. Post said they were not fazed by the prospect of having to choose between supporting Clinton or Netanyahu if relations become strained, saying they can live with disagreements between a prime minister and a president, so long as they are convinced the president supports Israel.

Speaking off the record, most of those contacted by the Post said. they lent their names to the council to ensure they have the president's ear for damage control in the event US-Israeli relations sour.

"This is about getting access," said one Clinton supporter.

That also figures into Jewish sup-port for Dole. We "have always had our feet planted in both [Democratic and Republican] [Democratic and Republican] camps, and it helps Israel," he said.







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"So when do you teach religion and val-

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AGAINST THE GRAIN HILLEL HALKIN

From Adam or apes?

mankind, another passage that has inspired quite as much argument as the account of God's creally evolve into other species hy ating the world in this week's means of small, random, iocre-Torah readiog, with which we begin agaio the annual cycle of mental mutations that oatural selection preserves or rejects. does the fossil record often show so few intermediate stages For over a century oow, since the time of Darwin, the hetween one species and the nex1? 1he

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S there anywhere in the Bible, the most fought-over

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Evolutionists have been at it -

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Not that hiology is about to

return to Genesis. But at least a

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able element of design in the development of life on earth,

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Darwinism refuses to do, evolu-

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Some of their questions are old

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tion itself.

Why, if geoetic mutations occur at a more or fess steady rate, have there been immensely long periods with great stahility among living forms and other, shorter periods with enormous change? And if we accept the Darwinian

explanation that complex organisms - the eye, for example -have been slowly and sometimes independently formed in different zoological phyla because each of the many steps necessary for their formation was beneficial to the animal in questioo, what are we to make of the receot discovery hy a Swiss research team that the exact same genetic unit of DNA cootrols total eye developmeot in fruit flies, human beings and cephalopods, and has been on earth for half-a-billioo years?

And how incredible is it, now that we know how incredibly complicated an elemeotary chain of functioning DNA is (it has been estimated that, if each of the nocleotide hases in each of the 46 human chromosomes were written down as a single letter, every chromosome would fill 100 large dictionaries), to believe that the basic huilding blocks of life just happened to bump into each other and stay attached by sheer, oatural selectioo-aided chance?

Why, if, according to Darwinian theory, species gradu-THERE ARE reasonable answers planet and then painstakingly

to such questions; there are reasooahle objectioos to some of the answers. Yet as long as the debate remains a scientific one, it will oot offer the Creationists moch comfort.

Still, for all that has been written about the irreparable blow delivered to human self-importance by Darwin's proclamatioo that we are descended oot from Adam hut from apes, it is a hit difficult a hundred years later to see what the indignation was all about.

Being told, as we are by the Bible, that our first ancestor was created from a lump of dirt is not the supreme compliment either; and if the insult consisted of the assertion that we were created by no one at all hut were simply stumhled upon hy a Nature that wasn't even looking for us, this was more the conclusion of Darwin's audience than implicit

io anything he wrote. On the face of it, after all, it would seem to take as much divine ingenuity to make a human being out of an ape, tripling the latter's brain size while retaining 99% of its protein structure in a hlink of geological time, as out of a handful of clay, which any sculptor can model into a human body.

The sculptor, it is true, cannot make clay breathe or reproduce itself, oor do we have a scientific bypothesis explaining how this might be dooe; and to those who will settle for nothing less, a God who succeeded in arriving at humanity hy first laboriously creating life in the chemical laboratory of a still semi-molten

cultivating plants and hreeding animals for hundreds of millions of years. may hardly be worth believing in.

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Such people remind one of the shipwrecked man to the joke who prays for a miracle to save him. Soon after a log floats hy; he goes on praying and watches it drift toward a distant ship; and wheo, having drowned and arrived in heaven, he bemoans being left in the lurch, an exasperated Deity replies, "For goodness' sake, I was doing the best I could." Evolution may be the same,

and it would be churlish to complain that it is oot good enough because it is too slow or too comprehensible - as churlish as to dismiss an immensely taleoted magician because we have managed to understand how he does his tricks, although we could not possibly duplicate or have inveoted them.

In this sense, as fascinating as the debate may be, it makes little difference to the person of reli-glous sensihility whether evolution can or canoot be modeled mathematically without the help of some mysterious "Factor X." The greater mystery, anyway. will always be bow much we do understand - in spite of which, as Spinoza put it more succinctly than I have, "God cannot properly be called [only] the remote

cause of iodividual things unless for the sake of distinguishing them from the things which He has immediately produced, or rather which follow from His absolute nature. For by a 'remote cause' we understand that which is in no way joined to its effect. But all things which are, are in God, and so depend upon Him that without Him they can oeither be nor be conceived."

What is a 'secularist'?

A VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

God." Just as some religionists are not exem-

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later. than Holyoake's coinage, in modern

plars of the piety they profess.

time was its young rabbi Gavriel Goldman, Asked the usual question about dati-hiloni relations, be replied: "Here we don't speak of dati'im and hilonim; here we speak of shomrei mitzvot (those who observe Torah precepts) and shomrei yoter mitzvot (those who observe more precepts."

kashrut, Shabbat, praying with tefillin every weekday morning, etc. - but act along the ethical/moral/social lines indicated by and mishnaic word hol, meaning profane as Isaiah, Micah and the talmudic Sages, are precept-observers, even if they reject the notioo that they are "observing" mitzvot commanded by a Supreme Being.

Dry Bones



Torah – the Tree of Life

"Now the serpent was craftier than all the beasts of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God said, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?* And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the

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and its consequences which creates the process of history. Indeed the turmoil of our daily lives, the seductions and blandishments that tantalize and destroy, can be traced to the

Adam and Eve suddenly becoming aware of their oudity implies a shocking discovery of their exis-tence, not only as sexual creatures

Indeed, the most holy day of the

year, Yom Kippur, devotes the after-

noon Torah reading to the various

But the narrative doesn't stop here.

When the human being forsakes

God's commands, the result will be

exile and alienation, enmity between

humanity and nature, betweeo

nations, between husbands and

wives, and between parents and chil-

dren. (Gen. 3:15-20) Hence, a mag-

nificent biblical pattern emerges. The

goal of Torah is for us to end our

exile and return (TESHUVA), first

from the Diaspora to Israel and then

from alienation to the Garden of

We must rise up from our fall and

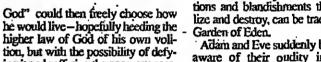
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I can't think of a more exquisite "secular" summary of the words of Prophet Isaiah 58. in the Haftara read in the Yom Kippur moraing service. Isaiah quotes "religious" people who complain to God: "How is it that we fasted, but You paid no attention?"

Isaiah replies in God's name: "You fasted, but you went right on quarreling and smiting viciously." God does oot desire mere selfdeprivation. The kind of "fasting" He desires is "to ... share your bread with the hungry and briog the homeless poor into your home; to provide clothing to the naked

The term "secularism" was coined in 1846 by George Jacob Holyoake. It designates the doctrine that ethics should be based on "natural morality" - i.e. arrived at by autonomous Man rather than handed down in a Revelation by a supernatural being - and coocerned solely with the well-being of mankind in the present life, what Jewish tradition refers to as Olam Hazeh the This-World.

Avowed secularists, however, "may still be deeply religious io their outlook on the universe, regarding with reverent awe both the processes of nature and the functioning of society. Even without the idea of divine sanction and law they hold to their moral ideals with deep coovictioo Thus they are ethical without being religious, or perhaps religious without having an explicit faith in

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Hebrew literature. It stems from the biblical opposed to boly (Leviticus 10:10); mundane, weekday, as opposed to Shabbat and other holy days (Mishna Pessahim 5:8, Shabbat 118a).

But it appears several times in several Aramaic forms in several connotations in the Midrasb and in the Targum translations of the Tanach. It connotes, variously, a common Israelite as distinguished from a kohen; a Jew as distinguished from a ooo-Jew; and "alien" lands as distinguished from Eretz Yisrael (Vavikra Rabba 24:7: Exodus 29:33: Isaiah 24:2; Psalms: 137:4; Proverbs 2:16). Hol stems from the root hallal, meaning desecrate (Leviticus 19:8); hreach (a vow or pact; Numhers 30:3 and Paalms 89:35); redeem (sanctified fruit for cash; Deuterooomy 20:6 and Yerushalmi Dema'i 24:3); exchange something sacred for something ordinary (Bava Metzia 54a).

ON THE edge of the Judean Wilderness 12 kilometers northeast of Jerusalem sits the Jewish village of Kfar Adumim. It was foonded 1g years ago by a group of oationalreligious (dati-leumi) and, by their own definition, hiloni Israelis, designed as a model of religious-secular coexistence.

The news media made a great fuss over this "experiment" in dati-hiloni coexistence in a closed community (people wishing to live there must be approved hy an admissions committee).

One of Kfar Adumim's media stars at the 22, 1995).

THE SAGES of the Talmud and Midrash tell us many times in various ways that ritual mitzvot are not ends in themselves.

The purpose of the mitzvot, the Sages teach, is to refine and elevate us and give us opportunities to earn credits through sacred and oohle acts (see Mishna Makkot 3:16; Bereshit Rabba 44:1; Vayikra Rabba 13:3; Bemidbar Rabba 15:2, 5, 7, 17:5 and 21:16; and Tanhuma Shemini 8, Beha'alotecha 2 and Pinhas 12).

And Rabhi Hanina beo Dosa teaches: If your deeds exceed your knowledge, your knowledge is of everlasting value; if you do less than you know, your knowledge will oot endure (Avot 3:11-12).

POET/POLEMICIST Daliah Ravikovitch, an avowed secularist, asserts that there is "no secular culture in this country."

She writes: "In Israeli secular colture I haven't found a single suitable text for regaling hride and groom or. lehavdil, consoling the bereaved ... Israeli secular culture coosists of jeering the dati' im and the way they dress ... [W]heo the Jewish festivals approach ... I haveo't the faintest idea what to do about them except fill the refrigerator and sink into boredom" (Shishi, December

midst of the garden, God has said You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."" (Gen. 3:1-3)

VERYONE knows the story of Adam and Eve. The description of the major events seems to imply that they all took place after the first week of creation. But according to the Midrash everything transpired on that first Friday not only the creation of Adam and Eve, but the expulsion from Eden and all that leads up to it.

Does it really matter if Adam and Eve were driven out on the sixth day, the eighth day or the eighth year? Apparently it does. For if all these momentous events transpired on the very day human beings were created, then whatever happened to Adam was, by definition, within the initial plan of creation.

According to Nahmanides, Adam was originally set upon the earth as a functional being, so that in terms of carrying out the will of God, he was like the sun, the moon and the stars. However, this was not God's plan for the human being as a "finished" entity. God wanted man to be good, but He wanted humans to choose to be good, and so He gave us an openended law, a law of possibility, so that

a creature created "in the image of

ing it and suffering the consequences. Nahmanides holds that, based on this midrash, Adam's very creation for the purpose of love and children. involves a process. He starts out as a but of sex as lust and violation. functional creature, but ends up a Undoubtedly, sexuality has always creature of volition. been a difficult area for us to master.

There is textual evidence for this change in the presentation of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, which is introduced with a simple statement that in no way forbids the consumption of its fruit. "And out of the ground the Lord God made grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and

Evil" (Gen. 2:9) As long as Adam was acting only in accordance with the law of God, there was no possibility for him to veer from the path. By definition, his functionality would have prevented him from rebelling. But since eventually be does rebel, we are forced to conclude that even within God's initial plan for Adam, God wanted him to become a living, choosing (and possibly rebellious) creature. God gave us free will, and what we

and Evil will always be there to do with it determines our lives. This tempt, hut from now on wise Adam is the strange paradox under which and righteous Eve will only eat we live. On the one hand, God wants from the Tree of Life - another us to do His will, but He knows that name for Torah, the tree that we are our obedience is meaningless unless encouraged to eat from as much as we are given the possibility of defywe want. ing Him. And it's this very defiance

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THE PAST is catching up with Binyamin and Sara Netanyahu in more ways than one. Amongst recent visitors to Israel over Succot was Fleur Harlen a.k.a. the second Mrs Netanyahu, who was here on business. Harlen, who was married to Bibi when he was ambassador to the UN, is a partner in the Lauder Communications group headed by Ronald Lander, a member of the millionaires' chub of Bibi supporters. The Lauder Group has entered into a strategic partnership with the Taman Group from whom it has purchased a large parcel of stock in Jerusalem Capital Studios whose vastly expanded facilities should be completed by the end of the year. Harlen was here to update herself on developments at JCS.

Meanwhile, the third Mrs Netanyahu's ex-husband Doron" Neuberger has gossip mongers frothing at the mouth in anticipation of juicy revelations in his upcoming tell-all book about life with Sara. Consideriog all the mud that's already been slung at her, one wonders what other titillating tidbits there could be. Peyton Place has absolutely nothing on Israel.

HE WAS all set to go to the US on a Fullbright scholarship when Education Minister Zevulun Hammer asked him to be his legal counselor. It was an offer which Yitzhak Herzog, son of World Emunah President Pnina Herzog, could hardly refuse. So against his mother's wishes, be put his scholarship on hold. It's not that his mother doesn't want him to counsel the minister on legal matters. It's just that she knows from her own experience how intoxicating it is to be where the action is, and she's afraid that once he gets booked, he may defer the scholarship indefinitely.

SHE HAD expected the usual platitudes that come with the conclusion expression, but the Toast to of a term of office, said Yehndit Ierusalem organized by The

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Emunah honors former head Yehudit Huebner. (Israel Sun)

Huebner, who just wound up a sixyear stint as chairman of Emunah Israel, but she had not expected to. be told how much she was loved. Zahava Bassok, who delivered the address of appreciation at a festive supper attended by representatives of World Emunah at the home of Ruth and Peter Medding, left Huebner almost speechless with emotion. She did, however, manage to say that it was "the most interesting and most satisfactory job I ever had in my life." Which considering that she is a Jerusalem City Council vice mayor, a former diplomat and a former deputy director general of the Interior Ministry, was saying quite a lot.

KILLING THREE birds with one stone is not exactly the appropriate expression, but the Toast to

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GREER FAY CASHMAN President's Council of The Jerusalem College of Technology-Machon Lev at Rienzi, the relatively new fish and pasta restaurant operated by twins Gabriel and Mikail Lasry served a triple pur-pose. First and foremost, it raised money for the college. Secondly, it helped to publicize the restaurant, and, thirdly, it introduced wine drinkers to Dalton, an up-and-com-ing brand of Israeli Upper Galilee wines, whose proprietor Mat Haruni happily refilled glasses. Wine and food critic Daniel Rogov, who inter alia writes for The who inter and writes for *The* Jerusalem Post, observed that although Israel is not producing the great wines of Bordeaux and never will, Israeli wines are definitely

improving - so much so that he is not embarrassed to take them to his friends abroad for tasting. JCT Presideot, Professor Joseph Bodenheimer expressed an interest in studying Talmudic wines. The college is already exploring the technology of that period.

NEWLY APPOINTED head of Israel Television's news department Rafik Halaby gets really annoyed when anyone points out that he is the first member of one of Israel's minority communities to be given so high ranking a position. Although he is a proud Druse, says Halaby, he got the job because of his professional abilities and not because of his ethnic background. He also gets a little

hot under the collar when anyone remarks on the fact that he achieved his new status under a right-wing administration. Israel Television,



The work of Simcha Holzberg (above) is carried on hy his SOD, (Sivan Fara))

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SPEAKING AT the inaugural Nathan and Chaya Glassman Memorial Lecture on Ahavat Yisrael, controversial philosopher Rabbi David Hartman commented that he knows many people who won't come on aliya because they want to maintain their love for Israel and the Jewish People. They may be right. Bureaucracy and bigotry do tend to fog up rose-colored glasses.

THE APPLE hasn't fallen far from the tree. Ephraim Holzberg, son of the late Simcha Holzberg, who was affectionately known as the father of the wounded, is keeping up his father's tradition of bringing smiles to the faces of wounded soldiers and IDF veterans. The younger Holzberg recently hosted a memorial evening

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for his father at the Tel Aviv Hilton to which he invited some 300 of the people who had been cheered in their darkest hours by the irrepress-ible and often outrageous Simcha.

Also present were entertainer Yehoram Gaon, who sang many of his most popular songs, former Sephardi chief rabbi Mordechai Eliabo, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (himself a seriously wounded war veteran) and former Knesset chairman Dov Shilansky, who worked closely with Simcha Holzberg in giving hope to those who believed that their lives had been shattered beyond repair. Many of the veterans shared anecdotes about the man who had been so instrumental in putting them back on track.

LET THEM eat cake! It almost didn't happen. Genia Yehezkieli, president of the Moriah chapter of Bnai Brith, was delighted when more people than expected showed up for the Betty Barclay fashion-show fundraiser for needy children, but the Laromme Hotel was unprepared for such a large turnout and nearly ran out of cake. Many of the guests had to wait a long time to be served - not because the cakes were being fresh-ly baked, but because they were being defrosted.

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rent affairs, Netanyahu devoted much of his public utterances, and

even his address to coalition mem-

FOOD FOR thought. Rabbi Avrabam Feder in his Shemini Atzeret/Simhat Torah sermon at the Moreshet Israel Conservative synagogue in Jerusalem, observed that people on both the extreme left and the extreme right of the political spectrum have become so prejudiced in their thinking that they judge statements not by their content, but by those who make them.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS champion Garry Kasparov, who is due. in Israel next week, may give Prime Minister Netanyahu a few timely pointers on the relationship between chess and politics. Kasparov is scheduled to meet the prime minister, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who is himself a cunning chess player, Sharansky and several other noted Ismeli chess enthusiasts will try to best Kasparov when he plays them simultaneously at an exhibition match at Jerusalem's Gerard Behar Center.

LAST NIGHT'S gala celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the Israel Tennis Center included a public auction with several valuable items offered on the block. But the most poignant of all was the dona-tion by veteran termis player Leah Rabin of the racket used by her husband, slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who shared her avid enthusiasm for the game to which she introduced him some three decades ago to help him unwind.

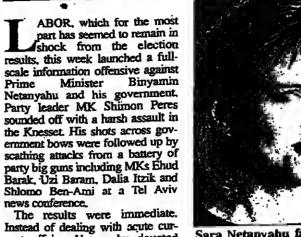
shook hands. BELTWAY BLUES Leon Chamey, a delegate at the Democratic convention in Chicago for the State of New York, has been told by Washington insiders that Clinton was upset and irritated by having to schedule the emergency Middle East summit following the Hasmonean Tunnel crisis. The effort set him seriously behind in his preparations for his crucial debate with Republican candidate Boh

Dole. the Beltway experts say which Washington summit,

Labor big guns snipe at Bibi while party smoulders THE WEEK THAT WAS

Friday, October 11, 1996 The Jerusalem Post

MICHAL YUDELMAN



Sara Netanyahu faces threats of revelations from her exhusband.

bers, to counterattacking Peres and ment is indeed pulled out of the the Oslo Accords. Yes, those are the freezer and waved about. Amid same Oslo Accords he pledged to US President Bill Clinton he would mutual recriminations between Netanyahu and Labor this week, rumors swelled of contacts aimed at But Labor's strident anti-governa national unity government. It was ment campaign could not drown out widely reported that both Netanyahu and Peres met Shas the numbling within the party itself over the inevitable leadership showmentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef (sepadown. As Peres's camp musters rately, of course) and pored over the support to postpone the contest by a year or two, contender Barak is havred-herring cotrails.

Yosef, meanwhile, came out with ing oone of it. He is building up his own power base and calling support an assault on the authority of Supreme Court judges. The Movement for Quality of Government in Israel lodged a gatherings in his drive to have the showdown exactly on the scheduled date next summer, and not a day police complaint against him for perceived contempt of court, calling Baram, who is also considering entering the battle for party leaderfor rebellion and insulting public officials.

ship, also opposes any delay in the showdown. As Peres, Barak and Netanyahu and Peres had nothing to say about Yosef's utterance that Baram rose for a group photo-opportunity at the end of the press Supreme Court judges "are worse than the courts of Gentiles," "are conference, Peres and Barak made a not judges of Israel" and "ran to valiant attempt to overcome the tenfeed the People of Israel corpses sion between them and gamely and abominations." However, some sources said the prime minister had asked Yosef to mediate between himself and Labor leaders on the

"It's a trick," called Labor's response team. Party secretary MK Nissim Zvilli said the rumors... which he said originated from the ... prime minister's bureau, were nothing but the waving of a doubleedged political sword. It was intended, with one swipe, to hush up extreme right-wing opposition to the Oslo Accords and redeployment in Hebron by signaling to its leaders



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that Netanyahu still has that other option of a union with Labor, which would ease and speed implementation of the Oslo Accords. On the other swipe, it might neutralize opposition criticism and divert public opinion from a media chorus singing loudly of the prime minister's shortcomings and failures. Even a whiff of joining the gov-



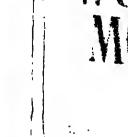
Ovadia Yosef, said to be courted by Labor and Likud.

ernment should be enough, according to this theory, to shut up even the most strident opponents. "It won't work." Labor said. But the issue became the talk of the day in political circles and even Baram, who until now has rejected the idea out of hand, said he would be willing to consider it if Netanyahu offered an opening up of the govemment's policy guidelines. SIZZLERS ALL

We had a "sizzling cassente" affair, oow at last we may have our very own, made-in-Israel, Lady Di substitute. Lady Sara. Sara Netanyahu's first husband this week threatened to do a "James . Hewitt" on his ex-wife and publish a book revealing intimate and embarrassing secrets about her. (Hewitt was the cad and bounder who told all in a sleazy book about his five-year affair with Princess Diana_)

Thus, on the day a fake Princess Di starred in the British press, romping with a fake former lover Hewitt in a fake video cassette, our own Sara seemed next in line to hit the yellow news stands. Ah, the triats of public life in the '90s. All that's missing now is a hokey cassette of Sara to emulate the Diana fraud swallowed by The Sun newspaper. But then, there is that famous if nonexistent video cassette of her husband's infidelities which tricked him into a very real exposure of his escapades on national television.

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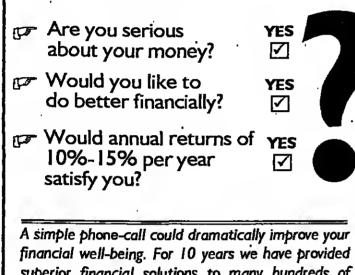
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ARES-SERONO SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY U.S. DISTRICT COURT

The settlement offer of \$26 less fees and expenses, not to exceed \$1.00, to InterPharm shareholders, who held shares on May 6, 1994 and still hold them, will expire on October 15, 1996.

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Strauss may seek partner to expand its Elite holdings

STRAUSS is considering plans to join forces with an international food conglomerate to increase its holdings in Elite Industries after Elite completes its recovery pro-gram, concern chairman Michael Strauss confirmed yesterday.

The Strauss chairman denied reports that Strauss is negotiating to gain control of Elite Industries from the Federman family. During the last few months the

Strauss family has held preliminary discussions with David Federman, chairman of Elite, to acquire some of the Federman family's shares in the company. At the moment there are no discussions on the issue but the subject has oot being ruled out.

"We are good friends and talk all the time but there have never been discussions coocerning Strauss gaining control of the company. There were discussions regarding equalization of the voting shares. said Strauss.

Sources close to Federman said the talks were held due to the Federman family's pressure to repay its debts to the banks. Approximately one year ago the Federman family purchased 25% of Elite's shares from the British

GALIT LIPKIS BECK concern Man for S44m., after a power struggle for control against a group headed by businessman Bino Zadic. The Federman family purchased the shares with the help

of a bank loan and shortly afterwards sold a package representing 15% of the voting shares and 7% of the capital shares to the Strauss group.

According to the source, the Federman family, which is cur-rently paying high interest rates on its bank loan, is financially pressured. The source said Elite continues to post low earnings and as a result of the continued slump on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the value of the company's shares has gone down.

Federman could not be reached for comment.

The Federman family currently hold 26.68% of the voting shares and 13% of the capital shares of Elite. While Strauss, through its subsidiary Gideon Holdings, controls 17% of the voting shares and 7.82% of the capital shares.

It is estimated that the Strauss , and Federman groups will try to equate their shares in the food

THE trade deficit shrank at the monthly rate of 0.25 percent during the third quarter of the year, the Ceotral Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. However, the bureau is warning this may not be a long-lasting treod, but that would only become appareot in the coming mooths. The deficit totalled \$700 million

in September, imports reaching \$2.3 billion and exports \$1.6b. Of the imports, 44% were of raw materials (excluding ships, airplanes, dia-monds and fuel, which comprised 27%), 15% investment materials and 14% consumer goods.

DAVID HARRIS Last month exports comprised industrial products (excluding diamonds) 67%, polished diamonds 31% and agricultural produce 2%. The trade deficit for the first nine

months totalled \$8.1b., against \$7.3b. recorded in the same period in 1995, with imports increasing by \$1.6b. and exports \$0.8b. The figures show a steadying in

imports, excluding diamoods and fuel, over recent months, according to the CBS. At the same time, a moothly average increase of 0.33% was registered in exports.

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company, so that the two families will each control 21% of the shares. Gideon Holdings has first right of refusal according to its partnership agreement with the Federman family which was signed six months ago.

Sources in the food sector expect Strauss to try and gain con-trol of Elite in partnership with a large international food conglomerate like Unilever, Danona, or Phillip Morris after the company's performance turns around. The sources said an international conglomerate will help Elite compete worldwide.

International food manufacturer Unilever is already an equal partner with Strauss in the company's ice cream division while the French-based food giant Danona has an agreement with Strauss to purchase 20% of Strauss Dairies in Nahariya. Phillip Morris has in the past expressed interest in investing in the food market in Israel and even discussed the issue with Elite.

We are not looking for partners at this point in time. Elite is currently in the midst of a recovery plan but maybe in future we will consider this option," said Strauss.

Trade deficit shrank 0.25% per month in third quarter

As a result, the trade deficit shrunk by 0.25% a month. Imports of raw and investment materials largely remained unchanged since March, with an

increase in coosumer goods brought into the country. Industrial exports increased by

some 0.33% to 0.5% in recent mooths, this after a steady flow in the first four months of the year. Sales of agricultural produce eoded the season, which began last October, 15% higher at \$800m., compared to \$693m. in

the previous year. Finance Minister Dan Meridor agreed yesterday to examine ways of reducing the trade deficit with the European Unico. During a meeting with EU Ambassador

BITS AND BYTES JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Elscint Signs Distribution Agreement in Japan: Elscint Ltd. (NYSE: ELT) recently announced that it has signed a distribution agreement with a vendor in Japan, giving it the exclusive distribution and service rights to Elscint's nuclear medicine products in the Japanese market. One of the first activities of the collaboration will be the introduction of Elscint's VariCam, a nuclear medicine system. Elscint designs a variety of computer-based medical imaging products.

IMT Produces On-Line Resource for Jewish Education: Intournet Marketing and Travel Ltd. has announced its latest tool for Internet-based early childhood Jewish education. "Edjewcate," which features the products of HaKol LeGan will be used as an online resource room for teachers and parents. Edjewcate can be accessed at www.intournet.co.il/edjewcate.

Liraz Sets Up Internet Site: The Liraz Publishing company has announced the establishment of a new site on the Internet that is designed to help business people. The site will offer interviews with business people as well as advice on bow to manage personnel, how to develop a small business and how to network in cyberspace. The site can be accessed at www.liraz.com/hebrew.htm.

Gov't cuts won't affect Vishay's Investments JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

VISHAY Intertechnology, Inc. yesterday announced that the proposed government reduction of investment grants from 34 percent to 20% does not affect Vishay.

Vishay said that a reduction in the government's investment grants would not affect the company's current plans for expansion in its plants in Dimona, Beersheba and Migdal Ha'emek, which have received promises of government grants of 38% or 34%.

However, the government's proposed plans to reduce investment grants might affect the company's plans to open a plant in Ofakim, a source close to the company said, Months ago former prime minister Shimon Peres and finance minister

ly to company president Felix. Zandman to set up a plant in the struggling development town, at first offering the company a 38% grant

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and then reducing its offer to 34%. Vishay is still waiting for completion of the agreement, which was supposed to happen months ago, and will base its decision on the government's final offer, the source said. Zandman is expected to visit Israel within the next month,

Based in Pennsylvania, Vishay develops and manufactures a wide range of electronic resistors and resistive sensors. The company markets its products to the computer, telecommunications, military/aerospace, instrument and automotive industries. Vishay Israel's four plants Avraham Shohat appealed personal- currently employ 2,800 workers.

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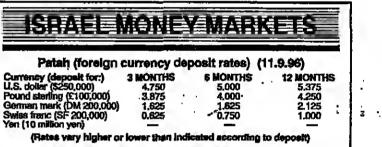
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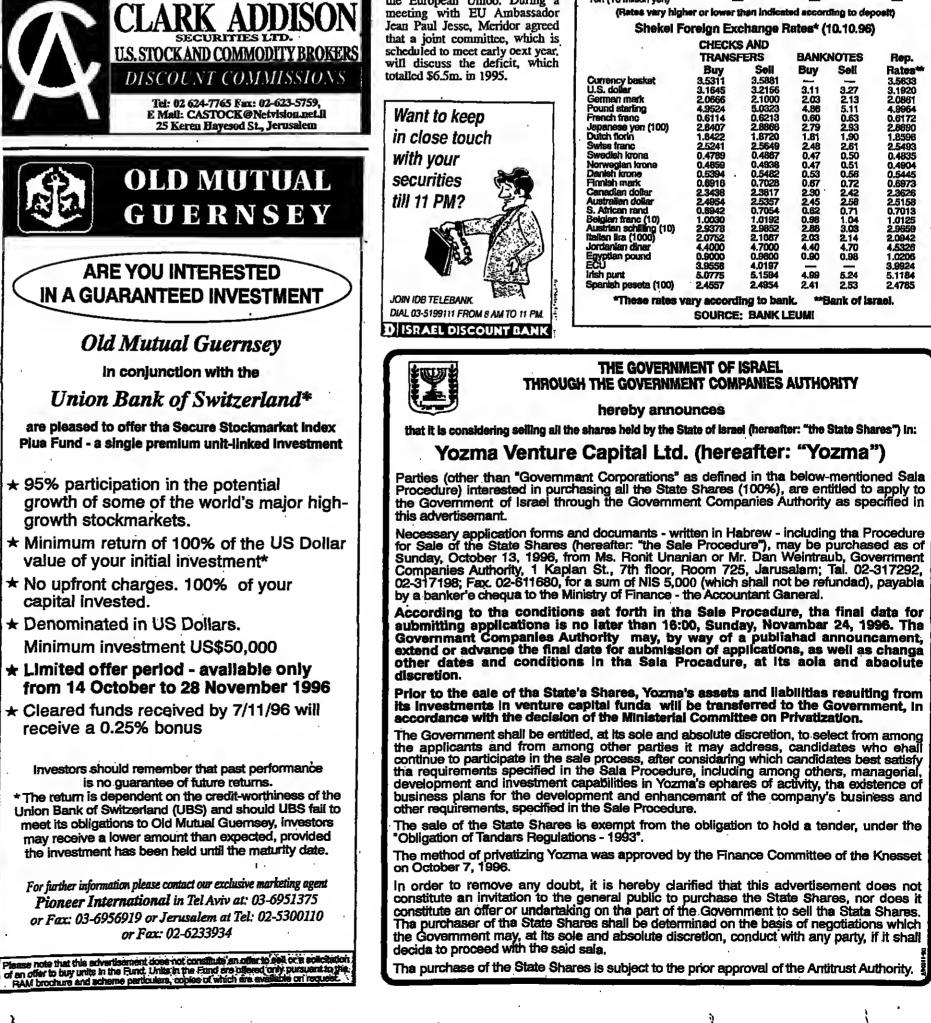


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WALL STREET REPORT

secure profits from the stock market's recent gains.

Bonds fell yesterday morning amid indications of strength in Scptember's retail sales and news that first-time claims for johless henefits fell hy 22,000 last week to 319,000, the lowest level in five weeks.

Declining issues outnumhered advancers hy nearly a 7-10-6 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,093 up, 1,265 down and g84 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 394.95 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 405.96 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500stock index fell 2.21 to 694.53, and the NYSE's composite index fell 1.00 to 370.35.

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PRIME Minister Binyamin been less than forecast. He said the budget will be Netanyahu will reveal his plan for the privatization of governbrought before the Knesset for ment companies within the next first reading end of the month. few weeks, he said yesterday. He slammed the previous gov-"We intend to enact a compre-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy this week named Dr. Aharon . Namdar, a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University, as chairman of the

National Council for the Prevention of Accidents. Nandar, 51

years. Namdar heads Bar-Ilan's Israel Society for Legal Aid.

replaces Judge Dov Levine, who is retiring after serving for 14

Request to extend Hebron observer force

Foreign Ministry director-general Estar Bentzur and Sach Erekat.

yesterday signed a joint letter asking the Norwegian government to extend the operation of the Norwegian force in Hebron. Norway currently operates in the framework of the Tempotary.

responsible for Palestinian Anthonisy local government affairs, .

International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), in accordance with a

Israeli-Palestinian agreement on the redeployment in Hebron is.

reached, the international presence in the city will be expanded.

and other countries will also participate in it .. Jerusalem Post Staff

El Al, Tower fight for winter passengers The fight for the off-season passenger developed into a full-fiedged price war this week with both El Al and Tower Air offering a

following later in the day. Both fares go into effect on Monday. El

other American destinations, such as \$907 to Los Angeles, \$843 to ;

Chicago, \$865 to Miami, and \$879 to Orlando. Hoim Shapiro

Sara Netanyahu's secretary reportedly quits

Al said that the price would remain in effect until December 31,

round-trip fare of \$699 from Ben-Gurion Airport to New York:

Tower had announced the low fire on Thesday, with El Al

temporary agreement signed about six months ago. When an-

Namdar to head road safety council

hensive privatization program." he said. "The legal and organiza-

tional are being completed now

government assets to the public. We don't believe in holding on to

assets. There must be a special

reason for the governmeot to

Speaking to the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv,

he also said he is resolved to carry out at least NIS 4.9 billion

in budget cuts, adding that addi-

tional cuts may be necessary

because government revenue has

keep banks or airlines."

ernment for leaving him a failing economy, not in the least because of the "excessive" wage agreements it had reached. so that we can gradually sell off

He promised that changes would be made in the budget cuts to avoid harming the weaker sectors of the population. "We certainly understand specific social needs," he said, "specifically those of development towns and the weakest sectors of society. We will make the needed corrections so that they will not be harmed any more than is absolutely necessary." (Itim)

Haim Shapiro



Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger (left) shakes hands with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon during an Israel-North America Business Conference in New York on Wednesday.

Lebanese press: Two SLA soldiers defected, one captured

FIGHTING continued in the security zone yesterday when gunmen opened fire twice with light weapons at a South Lebanese Army outpost in the zone's western sector.

NEWS

There were no casualties in the early morning attack on the position in the Beit Leif area and SLA gummers returned fire.

Hizhullah and its rival Amal have been concentrating their operations recently against SLA targets, especially loog-range attacks on SLA positions.

OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine told reporters on .Wednesday it appeared the terrorists thought that the SLA was a weak link. He stressed, however, that the SLA was coping well and was continu-

DAVID RUDGE

ing to carry out routine operations and even initiate activities.

As if in response to Levine's comments, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that two SLA soldiers had recently defected to what was described as the "liberated areas." The two reported defectors, who were named as Haytaham Nassr, 16, who served at the Barasheet compound, and Ahmed Baddah, from Beit Leif, also gave interviews which were broadcast on Hizbullah radio.

Baddah was quoted as saying that he had been seeking to leave the SLA and the zone for a long time and the opportunity arose after his family crossed to the

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Hamas warns US not to extradite Marzook

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HAMAS warned yesterday the United States would "pay a price" if it extradites a political leader of

the group to Israel. "The extradition of the strug-gler, Doctor Mousa Abu Marzook, will ignite a new round of bloody confrontation," Hamas said m a leaflet faxed to an international news agency in Jerusalem.

The leaders of injustice and aggression in America and the Zionist entity will realize what a mistake they have made," it said. The American provocation against our people and our chil- i dren's feelings will not last long without a price being paid." In New York on Wednesday a

federal judge refused to stop the extradition of Marzook, who is to be returned to Israel on charges of murder and other violent acts.

We in the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas see this American decision as a new, clear declaration of war against the Palestinian people," the Hamas leaflet said.

Abu Marzook's extradition will not be immediate because he can appeal against the ruling. His lawyer could not be reached for

comment. In addition, the US secretary of state has not yet certified the (Reuter) deportation order.

Israeli firms prepare for military exhibit in US ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

FIVE Israeli companies will be plying their wares at an annual AUSA defense industry show in Washingtoo next week. The show, which coincides with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's visit to the American capital, draws the top defense companies from around the world. The Israeli industries are pre-

senting a wide range of materiel, starting from protective body armor to drones and cannons. An additional three Israeli companies will be featuring the US-Israeli developed Nautilus laser, designed to shoot down incoming missiles. The Israel Aircraft Industries will be displaying its range of unmanned surveillance aircraft

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Rosey Foristi, Sara Netanyaho's personal secretary, quit ber yesterday, according to Channel 2. The station reported that "the secretary informed her superiors that she could no longer take working with Mrs. Netanyahu and the treatment she was receiving from her." The report added that "immediately after the elections, a special hurean was opened in the Prime Minister's Office for the prime minister's wife, something that was never done before," and that "her personal secretary was brought in specially from the Likud as a political appointment." The Prime Minister's Office last night denied the report. Itim

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improvement in their memory and cognitive abilities, a Kaplan Hospital team has reported.

The team - Dr. Ya'acov Gindín. Dr. Simona Naor, Dr. Yuri Stovichek and Orli Roich - reported at this week's Jerusalem International Conference 00 Alzheimer's Disease about the effects of Al-Telect, the phospholipid mixture developed here. The

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the product three times a day. while a control group received a placebo. The patients' physiological condition was measured, and patieots and relatives were queried on whether they wanted to continue taking the pills. The researchers found that the daily functioning of those who received Al-Telect deteriorated less than the cootrol group. The dementia in those tak-

security arrangements which are

completely compatible with the

peace deal," Netanyahu said in a

speech to business executives in

Tel Aviv. "They have nothing to

Nearly half of those oo Al-Telect wanted to continoc taking the pills, while uo one taking the placebo wanted to continue. A previous Kaplan study of phosphatidylserine on healthy people with age-related memory problems that were not due to Alzheimer's, found that their memory improved after taking the product.

ing Al-Telect was slowed, and in

north to vote in the Lebanese elec-

Nassr was quoted as saying that

a roadside bomb which blew up

near Barasheet village, north of the zone, on April 9 killing a

teenager and wounding three oth-

ers, had been prepared by the IDF.

Hizbullah blamed the IDF at the

time and fired Katyusha rockets at

the Galilee, prompting Operation

Lebanese newspapers earlier this

week that an Amal reconnaissance

patrol had captured another SLA

soldier while he was hunting in the

Talousa regioo the previous week.

The newspaper reports identi-

fied him as Nafik Dakik, of

Markabeh village.

There were also reports in the

Grapes of Wrath two days later.

tions and stayed there.

ARAFAT

well as a large number of ordinary civilians, indicating increased popular support.

August 28, he called for a general Mosque the following Friday. However, checkpoints were rein-

lence of September 25 to 27] have made Arafat the symbol he was before he came to Gaza. People had been criticizing him more than ever before, but now he has become a symbol again," Husam Khader, a legislator from Balata

Two months ago, Khader, who was imprisoned 23 times hy Israel, was reprimanded by Council chairman Ahmed Oreia during a session in Bethlehem for saying that the Palestinian people felt that the burnan rights situation under the Palestinian Police was worse than under Israeli occupation.

observations of the September shootouts, which he said Israeli troops began, had changed his attitude toward the Palestinian Police.

word from him brought the people out against the soldiers and one word made them stop."

STABLES

band and cheering schoolgirls, as (Continued from Page 1) "What we seek in Hebron are

On his last visit to Ramallah on

strike the following day and for a mass pilgrimage to Al-Aksa forced to preveot a surge of Bethlehem and Ramallah residents from trying to enter the city and few tried to enter.

"The recent events [the viorefugee camp, said yesterday.

Yesterday, he said his own

As for Arafat, he noted, "One

"We understand their excitement, and won't stop them. There are carpets ready for people to put on

the ground. "We aren't planning any cele-hrations," he added. "For us, Marawani is not a new mosque, but an area that we have used in the past that was closed for several months for renovations and is now being reopened,"

Rafael will be pushing its battletested "reactive add-on armor." Rafael is hoping to sell the armor. which is installed on the Merkava tanks in Lebanon, to the US Army for its Bradley fighting vehicles. The other Israeli defense indus-

tries are El-Op, which will be sbowing its belmet-mounted display for helicopter pilots and tank commanders, and EFW which supplies parts for the Bradley. Israel Military Industries will showcase its 120 mm cannon system, and the new 5.56 mm "Negev" light machine gun. It also is plying its body armor and nonlethal ammunition which is in growing demand among US law enforcement agencies.

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(Continued from Page 1) that King Hussein is deeply disappointed by Netanyahu's handling of the peace efforts.

moltz.

Information Minister Marwan Muasher said that it is rare for the king to go public with criticism.

The king and the government always work in quiet diplomacy to affect things," Muasher said in an interview with Army Radio. "The fact that the king has been so vocal recently ... reflects a deep disappointment ... with the policies so far."

Foreign Minister David Levy played down the friction.

When a small cloud passes over, that does not mean, heaven forbid, that the whole house of cards is collapsing," he told Army Radio.

We have relations of peace with Jordan. They have their own reasons and interests, which are oot always identical [to ours], but from there to talking about a crisis, a rift - it is not like that," Levy said.

The Jordanian Embassy in Tel Aviv, meanwhile, received two bomh threats this week, including one yesterday. Employees were evacuated from the embassy building for two hours yesterday, but no explosives were found.

The sound of shooting was heard near the border with Jordan, not far from Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov in the very early bours of yesterday morning. Israel Radio reported that IDF troops on patrol in the area opened fire toward the suspected source of the shooting. Subsequeot searches, however, revealed no trace of any gunmen. The Jordanian authorities were informed of the incident.

ECONOMIC	POLICY AND ITS EFFECT	ON ENTERPRISE AND DI	EVELOPMENT IN J	ERUSALEM	do with reopening the agree- ments."
	Seminar and Dan Mer Avraham Burg, Chairma	Gala Dinner in the prese Idor, Minister of Financ	nce of e e Jewish Agency		In a statement released last night, Ross announced that the pesce talks would move from Erez to Taba and Eilat, where dis- cussions will be held on a rotating
	at the Sheraton Plaza	vember 3, 1996, at 6:30 Hotel, 47 King George S erusalem Bureau Chief, 1	St., Jerusalem		basis. Furthermore, he said, "both sides agreed that they are not reopening or renegotiating the [Oslo 2] agreement and that they
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Chairman Israel Isaacs	Legal advisers Adv. Ze'ev Weli Adv. Yitzhak Mina	Adviser for plannin and land developme Adv. Tammy Ravel	9 nt	Accountant . Matti Ganor	Hours later, the Defense Ministry announced a significant easing of the closure to help Palestinians economically,
To register, I hereby confirm my pa Cost: NIS 120 for mem NIS 200 for non-r Name	Istrialists, company directors, company s, town planners, land appraisers, adve, operators, please fill out the form and return it to inticipation at the gata dinner on Sunday bers of the Economic Forum	the Economic Forum, 2 Shmuel Hand y, November 3, 1996.	agid St., POB 1369, Jerusal	untants, architects, contractors, tourism em 94592.	despite immediate security fears. Yesterday evening, the economic sub-committee of the joint Israeli- Palestinian steering committee met at the Erez checkpoint to dis- cuss long-term economic prob- lems, including employment, raising exports, and investment. Arafat was welcomed to the council sessioo by a marching
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Enclosed is my	check made payable to the Ecc ay by credit card: America Exp	an Express Disracard	Diners DVisa	Israel Office of Engineers, Architects and	(Continued from Page 1) ished, and only then would the site be officially opened. In the meantime, however, some
ירושליח		THE JEEK POS	ST	- ' University Graduates In Technology	Moslem worshipers will be allowed inside, starting today. "People are very excited and happy that we have finally fin- ished the work, and I am sure
Shmuel Han	agid, Jerusaiem 9459	2, POB 1369, Tel. 02	-624-4777. Fax	. 02-624-6888	some of them will try to pray there tomorrow," Husseini said.



The Jerusalem Post Friday, October 11, 1996

So instead of Baltimore winning

"This is about as close as it

"I thought the ball was going out

saw the fan reach out, he did not

reach down. In my judgment, be

did not interfere with the guy attempting to catch the ball. It

probably was a situation where the

Garcia said that if he had looked

at a replay before the call, he

would have ruled the play a dou-

"It was like a magic trick, really.

Garcia asked the other umpires

for their opinions, but none saw the play well enough to overrule him. Johnson was ejected during

the ensuing argument and protested because the Yankees didn't

have security in the right-field cor-

"I was told there would be secu-

rity there so this would not hap-

Security was increased - but to

prevent fans from throwing any-

thing at Roberto Alomar. Still the

focus of attention after he spit at

umpire John Hirschbeck on the

last weekend of the regular sea-

ner to prevent interference.

pen," Johnson said,

I was about to close my glove," be

said, "Merlin must be in the house,

ball would have hit the wall."

ble. Tarasco disagreed.

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Ale al entre in artusaient injustice anterna and a interna and a interna and a interna and a onship series, the Yankees escaped with a 5-4, 11-inning victory Wednesday. Antical and the second comes to one play beating you," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. Maier's move gave an eighth-inniog homer to New York's Derek Jeter that tied the score 4-4. A large to the state of the sta Baltimore's Tony Tarasco had settled under Jeter's fly against the 9in the state of the foot wall in right. But Maier, a Little League pitch-The function of the second sec W Slattic Rasige er and center fielder, stuck out his the state of the s gloved left hand above Tarasco and pulled the ball away. Right n artistionen und mar stantige artistionen und mar stantige field umpire Rich Garcia called it a home run, then admitted after looking at a replay that he blew the call. And Marth CK : extraining of the ballpark," Garcia said. "I

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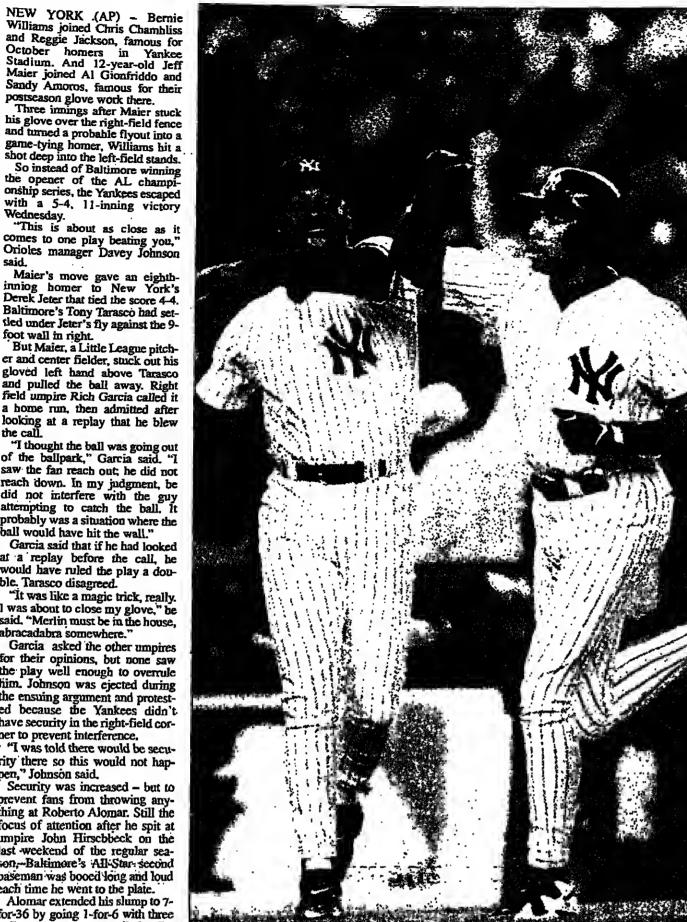
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each time he went to the plate. Alomar extended his slump to 7-. for-36 by going 1-for-6 with three strikeouts - one on a called strike · . - ., in the first that appeared to be well a se tur traite off the plate. ... 72.4 He made the final out of four a second a subsection innings, but did manage a great defensive play when he threw out service a substant Cecil Fielder in the sixth while in the second seco falling from his right knee on the center field grass. Maier's defensive play was more critical, though he didn't get to keep the ball - another fan snatched it away. "I was just trying to catch the ند. ۳۰۰ ع ball," Maier, from Old Tappan, NJ, said. "I feel had for the Baltimore fans. But as a Yankee fan, if I helped the team I feel pret-ty good. I think I had a right to catch it because I thought it was going to go out." off the fourth with his second Jeter, not exactly a power hitter, had 10 homers during the regular homer of the postseason. .



warns Us Yankees top Orioles in 11 Maccabi staves off pesky Panionios

MACCABI Tel Aviv put on its best display of the season last night in Athens, holding off a pesky Panionios to post a 74-69 win and improve its Euro League

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record to 3-1. The victory - Maccabi's first in Greece in the championships since defeating Aris Saloniki on February 23, 1989 - keeps the Israelis in a first-place tie with

Stefanel Milan in Group A. Doroo Sheffer came alive to score six of his overall 13 points in the last two minutes of the game after Panionios had charged hack from a 10-point halftime deficit to close the margin to 64-62 with only 2:15 on the clock. Sheffer, who was only 3-9 from

the field before his late-game spurt, took charge of the offense when Maccabi appeared ready to hand the game to a clearly inferior Greek club.

He sank two free throws and theo connected on two straight shots (one on a beautiful drive to the basket), both of which followed Panionios baskets and several turnovers hy Maccabi.

The Greeks, who fell to to 2-2 in the championships and lost for the first time at home after two victories, were doomed by some dreadful shooting from three-point range (3-16, 18.7 percent) and an equally embarrassing 62.5% (20-32) accuracy from the free-throw

Former NBA player Mitchell Wiggins was a particularly guilty party. He entered the game leading Panionios in scoring with a 18.3 average, but managed only seven

with eight unanswered points to cut the advantage to 20-17 with 12:15 remaining in the half, the recently inserted Leaf took charge points on the night (none in the second half) and made just one of six free throws. He is now only of the offense. 10-24 (41.6%) from the charity

He scored four points, assisted on several baskets, pulled down three rebounds and kept alive the ball at the offensive end of the court on Maccabi's last attack of the half to finish off a 24-17 run and send the Israelis into the lock-er room with a 44-34 margin.

Panionios came out after the break and immediately chipped away at the lead. Although they pulled within one point at 59-58 with 7:35 remaining, Panionios never caught up and in fact did oot

lead the entire game. Henefeld led Maccabi with 14 points, while Sheffer had 13, Buck Johnson 12, Radovic 9 and Leaf and Oded Katash 7 each.

Panionios was paced by Theofanis Christodoulou with 13 points and Gerrit Hammink with 10. Foreigner Keith Gatlin had 10. Foreigner Keith Gatin had only 9 points (6 from the free-throw line), while Wiggins and George Kalaitzis collected 7 each. In other Group A action, Limoges defeated visiting Ulker 84-80 and host Stefanel Milan beat CSKA Moscow 87-74.

GROUP A Team Maccabi Tel Aviv 7 Stefanel Milan Panionios 6 Liker 6 CSKA Moscow 5 Limoges

But after the Greeks answered

BRIAN FREEMAN

Panionios. also helped do itself in with some foolish play down

After cutting the margin to 64-62, Panionios sent Sheffer to the

line with a foul. As his second shot

went through the net, Miroslav

Petsarski committed a needless

foul on Nadav Henefeld, who also

sank both free-throw to give

Maccabi a gift 68-62 advantage

Immediately previous to that,

Panionios hlew a golden opportu-

nity after a Maccabi missed shot.

The Greeks rebounded the hall

and Federico Pieri sped down the

court on a fast break and an appar-

ently easy score. Bot Brad Leaf

slid into defensive position and

took the charge to stymie the rally.

another superb performance off the bench by Leaf, who nailed a

three-pointer seconds after eoter-

ing the game in the second half

when Randy White fouled out and

Panionios cut the lead to 54-51

Leaf was also instrumental in

rebuilding the advantage in the

Maccabi had jumped out to a 20-

lead six minutes into the game,

thanks mainly to nine quick points

by the sharp-shooting Barko

with 11:10 left.

first half.

Radovic.

That play was indicative of

with 1:55 remaining.

stripe in the championships.

the stretch.

Liverpool's Matteo winning battle against injury

LONDON (Reuter) - England call-up Dominic Matteo is winning his battle to play in the heart of Liverpool's defense in tomorrow's Premier League clash with Manchester United.

Matteo, 22, who won a place in Glenn Hoddle's squad for Wednesday's match against Poland, is recovering from an injury to his right knee.

After being sidelined for almost two weeks, he is boping to oust Neil Ruddock from the team to face the defending champions at Old Trafford.

Ruddock is on stand-by but will face the wrath of United's fans if he plays: In a reserve match between the two Lancashire sides last Saturday his challenge left United striker Andy Cole with broken bones in

Giggs complemented by solid workers like Gary Pallister and Denis Irwin.

Weaknesses: The volatile temperament of Roy Kenne, and to a lesser extent these days, Cantona, Some inexperience among ynunger players has cost United matches, most notably recently against Juventus in the European Champions League. Ferguson may also be slightly less focused on the English title this year and more concerned with the European Cup. Motivation: A 55,000_crowd packed into Old Trafford

is motivation enough and United has not lost at home for almost two years. Always utterly determined to beat Liverpool and not fall seven points behind in the standings.

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THE FAT LADY SINGS - Bernic Williams, whose 11th-inning home run gave the Yankees the AL Championship series opener, is congratulated by third base coach Willie Randolph. (Reuter)

Both homers were by left-hand- Wade Boggs and Williams. ed batters off Andy Pettitte, who started the opener instead of David Cooe because lefties have been more effective against toe Orioles. (if necessary) will be played at Pettitte allowed 23 homers in 34 Baltimore's Camden Yards today, regular-season starts, but just one was to a left-hander: the Rangers' Rusty Greer on April 14.

While the field still was damp from Tuesday's downpour, it was summy for the first postseasoo day game at Yankee Stadium in 15 years. And the ballpark's famous autumn sun field in left led to the game's first run.

Tim Raines' pop fell in front of BJ Surhoff in the first, and he came around on groundouts by

Eddie Murray's RBI groundout in the second tied it, but Jim Leyritz's run-scoring grounder put the Yankees ahead in the hottom

half. Surhoff's sacrifice fly put Baltimore ahead 4-2 in the sixth, hut Armando Benitez walked pinch-hitter Darryl Strawberry with two outs and the bases loaded in the seventh.

"We had a lot of opportunities." Johnson said. "We gave them a couple of runs early in the game and made some fielding mistakes. It should not have been that close."

both legs.

Liverpool manager Roy Evans was playing down the incident on yesterday.

The pre-match hype involving Razor (Ruddock) will be whipped up by the media but there was no malice in his challenge on Cole. The lad was through and Razor made a last-ditch tackle. That is all. There was no great intent."

Ruddock said: "I was shocked when I found out he was badly injured. I can only assume it was the way he fell because there was certainly no malice in my challeoge."

Liverpool forward Robbie Fowler, the other England squad member sidelined this week, is rated as 50-50 for tomorrow with an ankle injury which has kept him out of the past two matches. MANCHESTER UNITED

Playing style: A basic 4-3-3 formation, although manager Alex Ferguson changes his playing style to suit the occasion. Traditionally Manchester United plays expansively, attacking down the flanks or coming through the middle with equal case.

Strengths: Proven class in almost every position with players of great flair and vision like Eric Cantona and Ryan

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Line-up: Peter Schmeichel, Gary Neville, Gary Pallister, David May, Denis Irwin, David Beckham, Eric Cantona, Nicky Butt, Roy Keane, Ryan Giggs, Karel Poborsky, Ole Gunnar Solskjær, Brian McClair, Paul Scholes. LIVERPOOL

Playing style: Manager Roy Evans favors a fluid 3-5-2 formation with an emphasis on solid defense and very quick counter-attacks in the traditional Liverpool style of short, sharp, speedy passing and hard running off the ball.

Strengths: Confidence is high for the league leaders after an unbeaten start to the season and seven straight wins, their best run since 1990. Patrik Berger's goals and Steve McManaman's growing authority in midfield are other key strengths.

Weaknesses: An over-elaborate passing game sometimes causes them to lose the initiative.

Motivation: Nothing would give Liverpool more satisfaction than avenging their FA Cup final defeat and ending United's long unbeaten home record.

Line-up: David James, John Scales, Neil Ruddock, Jasnn McAteer, Dominic Matteo, Phil Babb, Steve McManaman, Stan Collymore, Michael Thomas, Robbie Fowler, Jamie Redknapp, John Barnes, Patrik Berger, Lee Jones.

Smoltz, Lopez lead **Braves past Cardinals**

postseason.

"That didn't win the game,

Game 2 was played last night at

Before Maier's magic, Brady

Anderson and Rafael Palmeiro

showed off some of Baltimore's

record power, helping the Orioles

take a 4-2 lead with solo homers.

postseason (following 50 during

the regular season) tied the score

2-2 in the third. Palmeiro then led

Anderson's third homer of the

Yankee Stadium. Games 3,4 and 5

Bernie won the game," he said.

tomorrow and Sunday.

season

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta eighth straight home game in the Braves expect John Smoltz to pitch well in October and count on Javy Lopez to deliver clutch hits. The real surprise was all those empty seats - then again, maybe these fans are just waiting for another World Series.

Lopez broke his bar on a tiebreaking, two-run single in the eighth inning and the Braves, behind yet another strong pitching performance, beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 Wednesday night in Game 1 of the NL championship

came 1 of the NL championship series. "It's very important to win this one because now we can come in tomorrow more confident tomorrow more confident and relaxed." Long said

Smoltz improved to 7-1 lifetime in the postseason, but that was no shocker. Baseball's defending shocker. Baseball's defending champions expect that from the champions expect that from the ace who led the majors in wins and strikeouts this search

atmosphere. I'm comfortable in this," Smoltz said

this," Smoltz said. and a set of the set o marked the first non-sellout in the Braves' history of 28 home post-season games, but the team already has sold all of its tickets for a possible World Series.

"The fans – at least the ones that showed np – saw a hell of a game," Atlanta's Chipper Jones said.

Jones went 4-for-4, including a misplayed bunt single in the eighth, as the Braves won their

"We made some mistakes." Cardinals' manager Tony La

Russa said. "When you sit back at night and think about how they scored those two runs in the eighth, it's going to grate at you." Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth

inning and earned the save as he did in each game of the first-round sweep of Los Angeles, during which Atlanta held the Dodgers to .147 hitting.

Game 2 was scheduled for last night, with Greg Maddux facing Todd Stottlemyre of the Cardinals. Games 3.4 and 5 (if necessary) will be played tomorrow, Sunday and Monday at St. Louis's Busch Stadium

Smoltz limited St. Louis to five hits over eight innings. He struck out six and walked two.

The Cardinals had caused more trouble for Smoltz than any team throughout his career. They had gone 9-5 against him, and stopped his 14-game winning streak in June.

St. Louis starter Andy Benes, who beat Smoltz hack in June, allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. He struck out seven and walked none, and remained winless in five career postseason starts. Reliever Mark Petkovsek took the loss.

Mark Lemke, who hit a two-run single earlier, drew a leadoff walk from Petkovsek in the eighth. Jones followed with a bunt that bounced high, and Petkovsek slipped trying to field it.

Petkovsek whipped a throw to second baseman Luis Alicea, covering first hase on the play, but Jones knocked the ball out of Alicea's glove and Lemke made it to third. "It wasn't your routine bunt back

to the pitcher," La Russa said. Tony Fossas relieved and retired Fred McGriff on a popup. After Jones stole second, pinch-hitter Terry Pendleton was intentionally walked to load the bases.

TJ Mathews relieved, and Lopez, who was 3-for-25 in his career with the bases loaded, managed to hit an 0-2 pitch up the

middle for a single. Lopez, though, has gotteo a bunch of key October hits in the last two seasons.

The Cardinals tied it at 2 with a run in the seveoth, although a curious decisioo hy La Russa may have cost them a chance to score more.

Gary Gaetti, John Mabry and Tom Pagnozzi began the inning with singles, producing a run. That brought up Alicea, the No. 8 hitter, with runners oo first and second and no outs.

But La Russa, whose team led the majors with 88 sacrifices this season, chose not to bunt. Instead, Alicea swing at the first pitch and hit an easy fly ball to left.

Willie McGee pinch hit for Benes and also flied out to left on the first pitch. After a wild pitch, Smoltz escaped by retiring Ozzie Smith on a slow grounder, with shortstop Jeff Blauser cutting in and making a nice play.

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Indian spinners Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi and Aashish Kapoor exploited a dry and cracked pitch to dismiss Australia for 182 on the first day of the one-off Test yesterday.

India was 57 for one at the close after losing opener Vikram Rathore for five when he was caught by Ricky Ponting at midwicket off paceman Paul Reiffel.

Leg-spinner Kumble snapped up four for 63, left-arm spinner Joshi captured two for 36 and Kapoor took two for 30 with his off-breaks as Australia collapsed from 81 for one.

Paceman Venkatesh Prasad and a run out accounted for the other two wickets after Australia won the toss on a surface that was expected to aid the slow bowlers.

Prasad made the initial breakthrough, trapping captain Mark Taylor lbw for 27, and Ponting was vorked by Kapoor for 14 in the last over before lunch.

Ponting's dismissal marked the start of the decline in which Australia's last nine wickets tumhled for 101.

Top scorer Michael Slater was caught and bowled by Kumhle for 44, made in 130 minutes off 96 deliveries and including six fnurs, and Steve Waugh (0) was caught behind hy a fumbling Nayan Mongia off an inside edge off

KADOOL Mark Waugh and Michael Bevan briefly checked the slide by adding 49 for the fifth wicket before Bevan, playing across the line, was trapped leg before by Joshi for 26.

Waugh also made 26 before falling to Joshi, and Kumble then polished off the lower order, the last six wickets crashing for 39. India started painfully slowly

with Mongia struggling for 40 minutes in a shaky role as opener before hitting the first four of the innings. He was unbeaten on 26 at the close.

Australia first innings M.Slater c and b Kumble

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Fall of wickets: 1-47 2-81 3-93 4-94 5-143 6-144 7-147 8-169 9-170 Bowling: Prasad 12-4-34-1, Johnson 4-1-12-0, Joshi 23-7-36-2, Kumble 24-7-63-4 (nb-1), Kapoor 10-3-30-2

India first innings

N.Mongia not out S.Ganguly not out Extras (b-4 nb-3) Fall of wicket: 1-13

Betar tries to keep champs at bay **ORI LEWIS**

MACCABI Tel Aviv and league-leading Betar Jerusalem present a very attractive centerpiece for the fifth round of National League action this weekend.

The league leaders are, together with Hapoel Petah Tikva, the only two teams with 100 percent records after four rounds of action; and the defending champions have clawed their way back into third place in the standings.

The clash comes in the wake of Israel's excellent display against Russia on Wednesday night and will undoubtedly be a passionate affair, as Maccabi nies to maintain its 20-month unbeaten home record and Betar attempts to hold onto the top spot in the standings.

Itzik Zohar will undoubtedly be the man of the moment as he tries to prove to Maccabi that it was wrong in letting him go. Elsewhere, Hapoel Haifa bosts Hapoel Petah Tikva in an attempt to regain some confidence at the expense of the visitors' 100 percent record, while Maccabi Petah Tikva plays host to Maccabi Haifa as the two also attempt to make an assault on the top of the standings.

Hapoel Beersheba welcomes Hapoel Taiba in a match which the managements have billed as an exercise in sportsmanship. The players have been asked to shake hands after every foul or rough tackle.

The police are not taking any chances, however, and they will be on hand at the Beersheba municipal stadium in case of trouble.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off at 15:00 tomorrow unless stated):

Hapoel Jerusalem vs. Zafririm Holon, Teddy Stadium, today, 15:00; Ironi Rishon Lezion vs. Hapoel Tel Aviv; Hapoel Bet She'an vs. Hapoel Kfar Sava; Maccabi Petah Tikva vs. Maccabi Haifa, 15:30; Hapoel Haifa vs. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Kiryat Eliezer, 15:45; Hapoel Beersheba vs. Hapoel Taiba, 15:30; Maccabi Herzliya vs. Bnei Ychuda; Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Betar Jerusalem, National Stadium, 17:45.

Red Wings acquire Shanahan

DETROIT (AP) - The Detroit Red Keith Primeau, veteran Paul Wings acquired Brendan Coffey and a No. 1 draft pick to Shanahan in a trade with Hartford. the Hartford Whalers in exchange The Red Wings sent holdout for Shanahan and a minor leaguer.

WEDNESDAY'S NHL RESULTS: NY Islanders 3, Ottawa 3; Montreal 6, Los Angeles 3: Detroit 2, Edmonton 0; Anaheim 2, Chicago 0; St. Louis 3, Caigary 1; Buffalo 2, Venconvêr 1

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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Indian spin trio

wrecks Australia

Levy tries to prevent closure of Kitan plant

DAVID RUDGE

BLACK smoke billowed from the grounds of the Kitan textile firm's factory in Beit She'an yesterday as angry workers protested managemeot's decision to elose virtually the entire plant and sack 110 employees.

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As tempers flared at the plant, Foreign Minister David Levy, himself a Beit She'an resident, led eoncerted efforts to try and prevent the elosure and the dismissals.

Levy, who altered all his plans yesterday in order to be with the workers, decided to stay in Beit She'an and asked senior civil servants and Kitan representatives to meet him there and try to resolve the prohlem.

Director-general of the Prime Ainister's Office Avigdor Minister's Lieiberman and the head of the Employment Service Alex Faran, as well as the director-general of the Environment Ministry Nehama Ronen, were among those who arrived in Beit Sbe'an.

Together with Levy, they met with Kitan's deputy managing director Gadi Lax, and offered a series of incentives and benefits to the firm in an effort to persuade management to change its decision, hut to ne avail.

Pinni Kahalo, head of the Histadrut branch in Beit She'an, said the local council bad promised to lower municipal taxes, while the Environment Ministry waived its demands for the implementation of ano-pollutioo measures, and the employees offered to work just one shift instead of two.

Kahalo said the offers had no effect and management insisted that its decision to elose the finishing department and dismiss 110 of the 180 workers at the plant was final.

Levy told The Jerusalem Post that the behavior of the company in announcing its decision without any prior warning or consultatioo with the workers' representatives was unpardonable.

"We are talking about cotire families whose livelihoods are now at stake - people who have worked here hooorahly for years and who earn only minimum wages." said Levy.

'l have already spoken with the prime minister and told him the matter is serious and demands

immediate attention. These are people who are not lonking for butter on their bread. They are among those in the country who seek only to earn their hread. rather than receive it as a gift," he

The firm itself has blamed government policies for its financial plight, especially its economie program which has kept the shekel high against the dollar and resulted in lower profits on the company's exports.

Furthermore. the Defense Ministry recently decided to give its orders for most IDF uniforms to a US supplier instead of to

Levy said there was no doubt that some of the monetary policies were causing problems and that what was happeoing at Beit She'an could herald a chain reaction in other places and industries. "I have warned against this before and opposed the continuation of these policies. If something is not done about the exchange rate and the policy regarding inter-est rates, people will ultimately be hurt and those who will be hurt most will be the weak," he said. Nevertheless, Kabalo said steps would be taken against the firm if it insisted on closing the plant. He said the Employment Service would re-examine permits allowing foreigners to work at plants of Kitan and its parent concern Clal,

as well as other measures. . In the meantime, the ad-hoc committee of directors-general agreed on a series of steps to encourage the development of oew firms on Beit Sbe'an's industrial zone and expansion of exist-

ing ones. It was also agreed in principle to establish a long-term program for the continued excavation and development of the ruins of the

town's ancient Roman city. Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky also intervened in the matter yesterday afternoon, calling on Kitan management to delay the closure for two or three

mooths to enable those to be sacked to find alternative jobs. It appeared that his efforts also failed, although there were reports that an agreement had been reached that the workers would be paid an additional month's salary, during discussions on redundancy terms.

A soldier guards Rachel's Tomb, which will remain closed to Jewish worshipers, except for morning prayers, until October 24. However, the site was opened yesterday so that the Sadigora Rebbe could pray there. He was accompanied by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovicb, rabbi of the holy sites, Oded Weiner, director-general of the Holy Sites Authority, and Rabbi Haim Yitzhak Cohen, who arranged the rebbe's visit.

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Liba'i to resign Knesset seat

Former justice minister wants to return to academia

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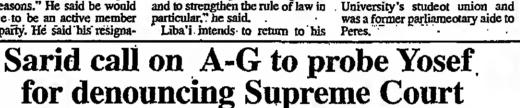
FORMER justice minister David Liha'i (Labor) has announced he is giving up his Knesset seat to return to his academic work as a professor of law. He said he will suhmit his resignatioo to

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichoo oo Sunday Under the Basic Law: The Government, his resignation will take effect 48 hours later. He is expected to be replaced hy Eitan Cabel, of Rosh Ha'ayin, who was the aide to Binyamin Ben-Eliezer when he was housing minister. Liba'i told Labor Party leader

Shimon Peres on Wednesday that he had decided to leave "for personal reasons." He said be would cootinue to be an active member of the party. He said his resigna-

work as a lawyer and law profestion is connected to the new law preventing MKs from working in sor at Tel Aviv University and the their former fields while serving in Center for Interdisciplinary the Knesset. The law bans MKs Studies for Law and Business in Herzliya, as well as continue to chair the Labor Party's law comfrom giving even unpaid legal advice or from lecturing for pay in universities Cabel was appointed by Yitzhak

Liba'i said he did not want to be completely cut off from the pro-Rabin to the committee monitorfession he would have to return to ing the constructioo freeze in one day. "[However] just as I was Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, a posiactive in the public, professional, tion his describes as "a sensitive and party fields before I was electone having to balance the needs of ed to the Knesset, I intend to to residents with the freeze." work within the party and public to further our policies in general of the Labor faction in the Hebrew and to strengthen the rule of law in



AN attack by Shas mentor Ovadia

In a speech at a rabhinical con-

ference in Jerusalem this week,

Yosef, a former chief rabbi, blast-

ed the civil courts, saying: "Are these courts? They ran to feed the People of Israel corpses and

He called oo the public not to

"The Supreme [Court] justices

- they call themselves supreme -

use the civil courts and to appeal

to the religious courts instead.

Yossi Sarid.

abominations."

the seriousness of what he said.

Cabel, 35, is a former chairman





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bereaved families time to reach accord

Court gives IDF and

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the army and two sets of bereaved pareots 30 days to try to reach an agreement regarding the mandate and composition of an inquiry commission into a 1992 training accident.

If no agreement is reached, the court will rule oo the issue itself. However, Juscice Aharoo Barak implicitly advised the army to soften its stand, by noting that if no agreement were reached, he could always issue a show-cause order.

Barak, Yitzhak Zamir and Ya'acov Terkel were hearing a petition by the pareots of soldiers Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Roseoberg, who fell to their deaths when a rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. The parents were demanding the establishment of an external inquiry commission into the accident, after two internal committees had reached conflicting conclusions.

In an unprecedented move, the IDF agreed to this demand on Monday. The committee will be comprised of senior reserve officers and eivilian experts and will be headed by a retired judge.

At yesterday's hearing, however, the parents told the court they still have some serious differences with the army regarding the commission.

According to the parents' attor-ney, Eliad Shraga, the most important dispute is over the extent of the commission's mandate. The army wants the mandate restricted to the causes of the accident, while the families also want the committee to look into possihle wrongdoing during the inquiry process itself. For instance, the families said, it is highly suspicious that then OC Air Force Herzl Bodinger set up a second inquiry committee - whose findings completely contradicted those of the first - immediately after the High Court issued a show-cause order on the families' carlier petition against the army's refusal to prosecute various military personnel.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, in an affidavit to the court earlier this week, said his office had uncovered no evidence of wrongdoing during the earlier inquiries, and therefore saw no reason to extend the commission's mandate in this fashion. He stressed that two committees acting in good faith can still reach differing conclusions.

Another disagreement is over who will appoint the committee. The army's position is that it will allow the parcots to propose nominces, but Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkio-Shahak should have the final say. The par-

ruled that anyooe - this is a ents want all appointments to be by agreement. democracy - can briog in all sorts Finally, the parents want it made of things from abroad, corpses and abominations, and their intent was to flood the Land of clear from the outset that the committee will be able to recommend Israel with corpses and abominasanctions oo all levels: disciplinary, administrative (i.e. demotions, until we were forced to cretions) and criminal. Shraga said ate a law - with God's belp - to that from Ben-Yair's affidavit, it is reseiod their couosel," Yosef said, according to a recording of unclear what authorities the comthe speech which reached Israel mittee will have in this regard. The justices said the two sides Radio.

He said the Supreme Court judges would oot listen to requests should first try to reach agreement on these matters themselves, and hy the chief rabbis or respect their therefore gave them 30 days in opinions and said petitioning civil

LIAT COLLINS its judges has provoked a vehecourts was "against the Law of ment response from Meretz leader Moses.'

Sarid said he generally made a buge effort to respect Yosef, but he could not ignore the "dangerous and ugly tone" of this speech. He called on the attorney general and police to investigate the speech "and decide what to do because you can't just ignore it as if it were never said."

Sarid said the speech delegitimized the authority of the Supreme Court, which undermined the foundations of the rule of law in the state. He also criticized him for saying the Supreme Court is "worse than the courts of gentiles."

He called oo both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and opposition. leader Shimon Peres, who have both met with Yosef recently, to explain to him

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their mouths with water, that water is spit, and that spit is in the face of the courts and in the face of the State and of each ooe of us and we don't want to and woo't allow our faces to be spat on," Sarid said.

However, Shas MK Shlomo Benizri said there was oothing new in Yosef's message and no element of incitement.

"He wrote the same things in his book as chief rabhi. He quoted the Shulhan Aruch, which quoted Maimonides, who quoted Gemara, which said that anyone who turned to sceular, geotile courts was striking a hlow at the Law of Moses. Going to religious courts does oot undermine the rule of law because the right to turn to them is permitted by law. They have the right to abitrate.

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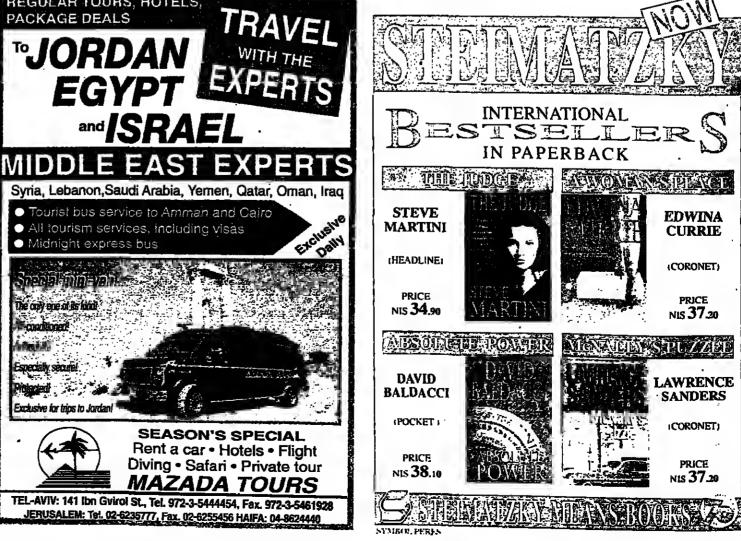
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